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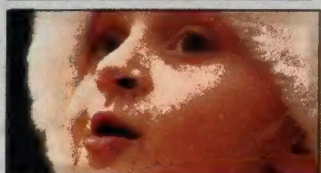
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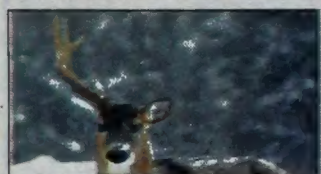
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On to regionals

HHSS boys curling team is on the button at zone playdowns.

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One antler short

This buck lost an antler this week but he's still mighty handsome.

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In Quotes

'How old are you? Are you 95? I am 7 years old. I love you Santa.'

Kyle Grozelle asks Santa a few questions in this year's Season's Greetings supplement



Holiday happiness

Grade 3 Archie Stouffer Elementary School student Melissa Stiver lets out a scream while coming down the playground slide with friend Aurora-Lee Acorn. School children were giddy with anticipation of Christmas Day and took advantage of the snow on the school's property.

'Most important election', says Liberal

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times Staff

Liberal candidate Greg Walling told voters that this will be the

most important election in recent history because of the social possibilities presented by federal government surpluses. Where those surpluses are directed, said

Walling, will greatly depend on the party in power.

"Having input on how that money is spent is more important

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Budget up, tax rate down

Algonquin Highlands tries to make everyone happy with 2006 projections

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

It is budget time in the county and as both municipalities and the county try to find ways to do more with less, the Township of Algonquin Highlands unveiled a sneak peak at its 2006 budget and, so far, the news is good.

With a projected increase of only 3.7 per cent over the 2005 budget, both the township's CAO Lorne Mitchell and council are very pleased.

"This is a good news budget," says Mitchell. "I'm thrilled to death that it [the increase] represented only 3.73 per cent."

"This is a bare-bones, actual-needs budget," Mitchell added to council last Thursday when the preliminary budget was unveiled.

The modest increase in expenditures should represent a sigh of relief to ratepayers given the upsurge of property value assessments this fall. The modest budget increase actually translates into a decrease of the municipal tax rate of 24.31 per cent.

The impact of such a decrease, however, is complex.

Of note, said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, is that this represents only the municipality's portion of the property tax. The entire property tax is a culmination of three variables: the municipal tax rate as well as the county tax rate and

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Concentrating on Christmas

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 3 student Krista Duncan adds a few final touches to her Santa Claus during Christmas activities on Tuesday, Dec. 20. The students' last day of school is December 23 and they return on January 9, eager to show everyone what Santa brought them on Christmas Eve.

Darren Lum/TIMES



Laurie Scott says that rural ridings must get 'fair share' of gas tax

Last Thursday, local MPP Laurie Scott strongly supported a bill that would recognize the differences between rural and urban transportation needs.

Bill 3, The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, would allow municipalities to spend their share of the Gas Tax as they see fit to fix roads, maintain highways or keep their transportation infrastructure up to date.

"I have been hearing for years that we need to reform the Gasoline Tax Act," she said in the legislature. "Every single rural municipality in this province is struggling to use what little resources they have to maintain their roads and ensure that their highways are safe. I can't believe that the government is still micro-managing and not allowing elected municipal councilsto do their job."

In her address Scott remarked on the hazards of being a rural driver: "Winter is a long season, full of dangerous and difficult driving. We need to ensure the roads travelled every day are well-maintained, well-serviced and continuously improved. It's the safety of Ontarians that's on the line."

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The Grade 1 classes of Michelle Coneybeare and Sue Smallwood raised \$150 for the Minden Hills food and toy drive being orchestrated for the Minden Food Bank.

Collecting the 15,000 pennies from the students was Minden Hills Fire Captain Derek Moore, who arrived at the school in a big, red, shiny fire truck.

Students raise \$150 one chore at a time

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School have been at it again, raising money for a worthy cause. This time, the Grade 1 classes of Michelle Coneybeare and Sue Smallwood collected pennies for the Minden Food Bank and collectively raised \$150.

By offering to do chores for pennies around the house – shovelling snow,

cleaning rooms, or recycling duties, for example – the 15,000 pennies were donated to the Minden Hills Fire Department for their food and toy drive being collected for the Minden Food Bank.

Picking up the pennies on Monday afternoon outside the school was Fire Department Captain Derek Moore. To thank the students for their hard work, Moore allowed each student a private driving lesson in the fire truck.



Emergency services revises plan to expand

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at a county council meeting in early December.

A proposal to expand the Haliburton ambulance base was revised so that it will cost essentially half of what was first put on the table at the last county council meeting.

Bob English, Emergency Medical Services Manager, first proposed a large two-storey addition to the base for an estimated cost of \$336,000. The new proposal, which is downsized in the hope of making it more feasible, consists of a one-storey addition to the east end of the base. The 1,600-square-foot addition would cost an estimated \$175,000.

English said an expanded base would provide much-needed administration and operational space. It would also house the spare ambulance currently stored at the Dysart fire hall and could be used to conduct ongoing in-service and certification training.

The matter was deferred to the 2006 budget.

County council to meet twice a month

Council will now meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The increase means that councillors will have more opportunity to reflect on the issues brought to them instead of rubber stamping things once a month. Here's how it will work:

On the same day as a county council meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, all members will remain to deal with roads, land ambulance, forestry, and labour relations. (These were done in committee before.) Recommendations that come from this meeting will be presented to council at their meeting on the fourth Wednesday, where the entire council will also deal with administration, economic development, planning, and waste management. Recommendations from this meeting will be presented to council at the meeting the second Wednesday of the next month.

Lease agreement

The county entered into a lease agreement with the Haliburton Highlands

Chamber of Commerce for the Information Centre on Highway 35 in Minden. The lease will be active from early February until the end of January 2007, which means the centre will continue to be operated by county staff for next year.

This past summer, staff served more than 6,500 visitors and responded to an excess of 1,500 telephone inquiries.

County's commitment to the Information Centre, which has been in operation for the past 25 years, is recognition of its value and significance to local tourism.

Negotiations between the county and the Chamber resulted in an agreement worth \$1,250 a month, with the county responsible for all expenses related to the daily operation. The Chamber agreed to leave most of the furnishings and all the display racks but will be taking its business equipment.

Economic diversification

Bob Smith reported that 42 people attended a recent Artscape workshop

hosted by the economic development committee. Both participants from the county and the guest consultants were extremely pleased with results, said Smith. He also said the will of the community was phenomenal and that there is a strong foundation to move forward with the ideas generated.

Roads vehicle sold

The roads department finally got rid of its 1993 Ford Tandem but not at the price it hoped for. Council approved the sale of the problematic vehicle to Gabourie Contracting for \$5,400, which is significantly lower than what councillors thought it would fetch. (Similar vehicles have fetched \$15,000-\$20,000). There was only one other bid for the vehicle and that was only for \$4,000.

Nevertheless, Operations Manager Doug Ray says he is glad to see the vehicle go, as it has been in constant repair ever since the county purchased it. The vehicle was used for gravel hauling in the summer and snowplowing in the winter-time.

"Unfortunately it's not as much as we would have liked but I won't be sorry to see it go," said Ray.

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Greetings from 'the happiest girl you'll ever know'

by AMANDA LYTLE
Rotary Exchange Student

The 21st of December will mark the four-month mark of my year in Argentina. Time is flying, and I am still having the time of my life!

For 22 days in November, I went to the south of Argentina on a Rotary Trip. I, along with 35 other exchange students from around the world, travelled on a huge, yellow, two-level bus. In 22 days, you can really get to know someone, and the ones that I got to know really well are friends that I honestly believe I will have for life.

I saw things I never dreamed of seeing; I saw things that many people in this world will never have the opportunity of seeing, and for that, I am more than thankful. A few examples: I went to the southern-most city in the world, called Ushuaia; I went whale watching, and they came less than 1.5 metres from the boat; I not only saw glaciers, but I got to walk for two hours on the third largest glacier in the world; I hiked up a mountain for three hours to stay overnight; I saw thousands of penguins, some close enough to touch; I saw sea lions from a cruise boat; and I saw icebergs.

The pictures I took are great, but they don't do the trip justice. There were times on the trip I found tears falling down my cheeks, in total disbelief of the beauty before me, and out of total happiness and joy. But I also cried because I was somewhat frustrated that I couldn't be sharing this experience with the ones I love.

The Andes mountains are stunningly beautiful. On the bus rides, we saw everything from pure flatness that went on forever to mountain ranges that stretched for forever. The farther south you go, the better the scenery gets: the rolling hills, the small ponds and lakes full of bright pink flamingos, and the mountains whose peaks are sometimes hidden by clouds. At



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one point, we crossed through Chile to get to Ushuaia, and in that part of Chile, I saw more sheep than I have ever seen before. It was neat to just drive and drive and see nothing but flatness - then, out of nowhere, it drops off into the most beautiful green valley, with lakes and trees and lots of animals.

When the trip was over and I watched that big yellow bus pull away from the stop, it hit me that I might never see those things again, and that I was one of the luckiest girls in the world!

Christmas is almost here and for me, that isn't real either. There is no snow here. Every Christmas I have had has either required a fire to keep the house warm or there's been a nice blanket of snow outside. Here, the temperatures are

just getting hotter; I can't comprehend that Christmas is going to be hot here! It's weird to see Christmas decorations up in the city, and people walking around in shorts, or next to nothing. No hot chocolate, no snowmobiling, no Christmas lights on houses, no get-togethers with my family, no special Christmas morning with my sister, Mom and Dad, or the excitement of watching Allison open something that I know she will love, and that has been wrapped for a month prior to Christmas day! Christmas at my home in Minden has always been videotaped, and has been more than fun - it's been perfect. This year, my family will be one Lytle short and my family here will be one Bolado short as their son is in Keene, New Hampshire. But, realistically, when will I ever get to spend another Christmas

like this? Probably never, and I am going to make the very best of it. I know that next year, I will spend Christmas with my family, and we can make up for this then. I hope all goes well here, and there! Happy holidays!

This summer, which is now in Argentina, sounds like it is going to be very good. It seems to me that out of all the exchange students in this city, I lucked out the most - by far! While the others stay in Olavarría for the summer I will be going on three vacations. The first will be from the 17th to the 28th of December. My host family is taking me back to the south. We will be staying in an area that has a volcano which is causing a glacier to melt; the water streams down and creates a hot spring. We will get to ride horses for a few hours in the Andes mountains. It will be amazing!

Then, from the 29th of December to the first week in January, we are going to the beach called Necochea. After that trip, I will be going to my second host family. We are going to a huge tourist beach called Mar del Plata for two weeks. I will be one brown baby, and I can't wait! I am so lucky.

My host families are all perfect, by the sounds of it, and I am one of the only students in this district who is problem free! I think that is the key to why my exchange is going so perfectly, and the main reason that I haven't been homesick since the first week.

I miss my family and friends so much but not to the point of homesickness. Yes, I have my moments where I wish I was waking up in my own bed, hugging the parents I have hugged since I was born, or sitting on my own couch, etc., but I am so happy here that moments like that are very few. I fit right in with this family, and in this town. People I don't know, know me! I can walk down the street, and

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Reach for The Future

For the eighth year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters. To date the 2005 "Reach for The Future" campaign has raised \$52,712.00. The proceeds will assist the Foundation to pay off the \$880,000 capital loan on the Health Care Facilities.

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Christmas package from home brings a little bit of Minden to Argentina

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hear whispers, then the words "Canada, from Canada!" But that's how it is being an exchange student, I guess. Everyone knows who you are, regardless of if you know them or not!

I would like to make it known that I believe my family, the Lytle family, is the greatest, ever! The other day, I received a package from home, a package that was very heavy, full of things to make me smile, all in a box the size of a snowmobile helmet box! They put some of my favourite things in it, along with things that are wrapped and that I have to open on Christmas. I never would have thought I'd have been so happy to see a box of tampons! Sorry-fellas - it's a girl thing. They just don't have good ones here so that was a bonus to see those in the package. There were other things like instant oatmeal, real fruit gummies, cashews, a newspaper from home, Dad's Oatmeal Cookies, a DVD on Haliburton County (many thanks to George Farrell), Bacon Dippers, my all-time favourite crackers!

Coming up: not only three months of summer and some vacations but March will bring school and April will bring my trip to the north of Argentina! It will be nice to have the Rotary friends back together on a big bus again! We all share

something really big and there is something about everyone's personality that just clicks perfectly with everyone else's. As a Rotary student, it is apparent to me that all Rotary students are crazy! We all have so much fun together, and don't think too much about what others think. We are who we are, and that's final! For example, it was nothing for us to dance after our dinners on the trip, or have elevator races after midnight! It's nice to know we can still show our younger sides, and be accepted by all. I love everyone of them!

This past weekend, my host family and I went to Mar del Plata to attend a birthday party for Papa's godson's second birthday. His name is Eric, and he is very sweet. Mar del Plata is a very big city and lines the Atlantic for a long way. The beach is gorgeous, and the city is always swarming with people. Get this - dinner time rolls around, and we are in the centre of the city, simply walking and looking at things. Guess where we had dinner? McDonald's! Argentina style! Well, a Big Mac is a Big Mac, no matter where you are in the world and the french fries taste exactly the same. I thought things would be different, you know, like a different menu. No, just the menus are in Spanish, and the prices are in pesos! It was interesting, and I quite enjoyed tasting some-



Hiking up the Andes for a sleepover. Bathing in a volcano's hot springs. Going to the southern-most town in the world. It's been a busy four months for Amanda, with lots more adventures still to come. Lucky? You bet.

thing I am used to, although I have never been a huge fan of Ol' McDonalds! Ba Da Ba Ba Ba, I'm lovin' it!

Wrapping this letter up now, I would like to thank everyone for their support, and a huge thank you to my family who keep in touch all the time, and to my friends that haven't forgotten about me! I miss you all, and will see you in August.

LOVE ALWAYS, Amanda

Wait, one more funny story! There is a drink here called Mate (Mah-teh). It is a herbal drink, and there is a certain way

you drink it. It is VERY popular, and everyone drinks it here! There are several brands of Mate, one being called Amanda. Everyone loves when they ask my name, and I reply with a big smile, "Amanda! Como la Yerba," which means, Amanda, like the Mate! It's pretty funny, and gets lots of laughs.

So, this time, I am really leaving it at an end. I will have a new mailing address by mid January. If interested, my e-mail is still sunn_of_may@hotmail.com if you'd like to contact.

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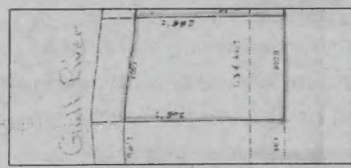
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

'Tis the season to give

THEY SAY THIS IS THE SEASON OF GIVING. They say it is better to give than to receive. They say monetary donations are sometimes tax deductible. They say a lot of things, but the message is always the same: give, give and give some more.

This week's *Times*, as with most weeks, is filled with pictures of charitable donation's fundraising campaign kick offs. As a relative newcomer to Minden, I am impressed and gladdened each week by the caring and

unselfish nature of so many here in town.

*"We make a living by what
we get, but we make a life
by what we give"*

WINSTON CHURCHILL

Many of the faces in each photo are the same. There are obvious winners in the charitable donation circuit here in town. This time of year, however, we can all strive to be more caring – even for those who give so often and do so much for the community.

But giving doesn't always have to come in a can, or with zeroes, or with

boxes and instructions. This week, in particular, the Minden Food Bank is coming up a winner not just with money, but also with food. Barbara Walford-Davis, the chair of the Minden food bank, tells us that all donations big and small make a difference.

Sometimes the smallest gift, a smile, is all it takes. A kind word to a stranger or the Canadian cliché of holding the door; everyone can benefit from the kindness and caring of others.

A few weeks ago, *Times* columnist Neil Campbell listed quite comprehensively the names of many charities and organizations in need of funds. Although giving charitably does not always need to come in the form of a cheque, they do help. In communities such as ours, the wheels can't turn without the public's support.

In fact, much of rural Canada has been built upon the corner stones of co-operation. It was Saskatchewan farmers who started the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, or CCF. Loggers, miners and fishermen, too, survive through the collective well-being of the whole. So, too, do we here in Minden.

The old adage, "What's good for the goose is good for the gander," was never truer than in a place like Minden, where a strong community for everyone is continuously supported by the kindness and caring of its citizens.

Particularly now, at Christmas time, the charitable people of Minden need to continue to dig deep into their pockets to help their fellow man, and their community as a whole. Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Bryn Weese

The students of Archie Stouffer Elementary School join local businesses in wishing everyone the merriest of Christmases in this year's Season's Greetings supplement

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No gift too small

DARREN LUM/The Times

TO THE EDITOR

Our readers write

Handgun ban will not lead to long gun ban

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article and editorial in the December 15 issue of the *Times* regarding the proposal by the Prime Minister to combat the growing violence in Canadian urban centres.

I found the editorial very helpful in further understanding the sentiment of the

firearms owners around here, and appreciated the suggestion that we should educate rather than confront in order to foster an environment where firearms owners are comfortable with the level of registration and control asked of them. It is through discussion and education that we

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

All I want for Christmas

EVER SINCE my front teeth grew in, I've been confused about all I want for Christmas. It used to be that I was like any other kid: all I'd want for Christmas was my two front teeth.

No big surprise there. When we were young, front teeth were all the rage - they were the hot Christmas gift item. I'm not sure why, but they were. Whole songs were written about it, too.

No one ever explained it to me, but I suppose it was because, as Canadian kids, we played a lot of hockey. And with that came the almost instinctive realization that, one day, we'd catch a puck with our teeth. Most of us considered this a small price to pay for the privilege of being hip-checked through the plywood boards of an outdoor rink by older kids. Sure, losing those teeth was tough on a kid at corn roasts but, other than that, a person could get by.

As I remember it, on rare occa-

sions, a fellow might still actually have both teeth come December.

Even so, he'd still ask Santa for two more just in case. If he was playing goalie or was the team enforcer he'd even plead the case for a whole lot more than that. A lot of it just depended on how much he liked corn.

Sadly, you don't hear kids singing about wanting two front teeth anymore. Oh sure, they might say it at a school concert, but they don't really mean it - not the way we did. It's as if they've come to realize that you're going to get those teeth anyhow so you might as well ask for something expensive instead.

I'm happy to say that we were never that well informed. As far as we were concerned, there were two ways you could go at Christmas -

lump of coal or two front teeth. Oh sure, there were variations on the

theme but, for the most part, there was not a lot of selection. Along with those things you might get a hockey stick or even a new puck that hadn't yet been imprinted with the dental records of several of your friends. Girls would get Barbies, Easy-bake ovens, or some other equally horrible implement of torture.

But everyone who needed front teeth would get them, if not

at Christmas, within twelve months of it. It was as if Santa was in league with the corn on the cob manufacturers or something.

I sort of feel sorry for the kids these days. They've been given so many choices that it will now be hard, if not impossible, for many of them to exaggerate tales of child-

hood suffering, as I'm doing here. Even the simple act of having braces on your teeth is no longer the hardship that it used to be. No, the new ones are stylish, unobtrusive, and effective; heck, a kid can't help but smile while wearing them.

Back in our day, braces were what adults commonly referred to as "character building." In fact, every time a kid with braces smiled you'd half expect one of those Japanese passenger trains to whiz by from one side of his mouth to the other. Often, they had elastics and shiny metal cantilevers as well as several components that hung out there in space nowhere even close to teeth.

Which brings me back to where I started. Like I said, ever since my front teeth have grown in, I've been confused about what I want for Christmas. Then again, maybe catching all those pucks has something to do with that, too.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

The barn that's almost built

A YOUNG FELLOW I know has a fool for an architect. Tavish is his name and he also has a fussy budget for a general contractor, a butterfingers for a carpenter, a slapdash for a painter, and an engineer who doesn't sweat the details.

Indeed, things are going so slowly that the barn being built for Tavish almost certainly won't be finished on schedule.

You may be surprised to hear that a barn is being built in this land of rocks and swamp, but this one is both modest and compact, a mere 20 by 30. Inches, that is.

The architect, the general contractor, the carpenter, the painter and the engineer all are me, and the deadline facing the five of me is Christmas.

Fortunately, Tavish doesn't know the barn is coming; the Christmas deadline is self-imposed, which is the worst kind of deadline.

I don't recall stipulating which Christmas, but even the Orthodox celebration next month might be a little bit of a rush. His great-grandmother says that, at the rate I am going, shooting for his birthday in September could be a little too optimistic.

This will be my second barn, if I ever get it finished. The first one was a

simple box with a roof you lifted off it, built in a few hours one summer weekend for my Owen Sound nephews.

It was a barn with neither bells nor whistles but it suited three little boys well enough that each of them played with it in turn and when the last of them grew out of it, some other family took it and treasured it.

It would have been far too easy to build another barn for Tavish on that same simple plan. Instead, I came up with a design that would test all the skills of a maker of fine cabinetry.

I have none of those skills. In fact, I have not the faintest notion of what those skills might be. When I finally get something right, it is usually by first trying out and discarding all of the wrong ways of doing it.

It is the architect and engineer in me that are the problem, not the carpenter. Remember back in the second paragraph where I said the engineer in me doesn't sweat the details? I lied.

And when The Brown Dog Jiggs

heard me saying the barn had been designed, he fell about laughing. Even today, I catch him chuckling at the idea in his sleep.

My first rule of design is never to put anything on paper in case it might be used against me. So I start out with an approximation of what I want to build and then alter it to fix the things I didn't think of, and then modify the alterations until they work.

All in my head. I am making things up as I go along. Just when I think I have attacked some architectural problem and wrestled it to the ground, I see what I've over-

looked.

For instance, I work out a plan that will let Tavish open one side wall to arrange his livestock and equipment inside the barn and I am already sawing and hammering when it occurs to me that a three-year-old arm won't reach 20 inches to the back wall and I go back to the drawing board.

It could be worse. It is my good fortune that a standard piece of lumber has only six surfaces and they come in

pairs: two faces, two edges, two ends. The possibility of error is limited by geometry.

That means it should take only two tries to get the bottom plate for a wall right side up. I can only get it wrong end around once. On average, that's three false starts before success; a half-hour for a two-minute job.

If there were more than six surfaces on a one-by-two, I probably would have to work through all of them before I got to the right one. And Tavish's barn might be ready for his great-grandson's first Christmas.

The framing details in the toy barn work pretty much the same way as in a real building. Except that in a real building, you have room to swing a hammer.

And if the little barn has two storeys, barnboards, sliding doors, and livestock pens with swinging doors and if it opens on both sides instead of on the top and has a detachable gangway, it is a lot more work than any real building.

But when it is done, at least the little cow and calf and the ewe sheep and lamb he will be getting will have a good place to live. There will be a place to park his John Deere tractor.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Proposed law is nothing to fear

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can strike a balance where the need for public safety meets the ability to use and own firearms for legitimate purposes.

What I was upset with was the remarks made in the article "Ban's scope misses

its mark." There is nothing in the Prime Minister's proposal, as suggested, that should lead anyone to believe that this would ever apply to long guns.

In Canada, there are very legitimate uses for long guns, and the people of this area use their firearms for these purposes

and will continue to be able to do that no matter what. The proposal is not something that the law-abiding gun owners in this riding need to fear.

Freya Lilius
Haliburton

The Times office will be closed on December 26 and 27. The classified and ad deadline is therefore Friday, December 23. Thank you.

When you have a surplus, be bold: Walling

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than ever and that's one of the reasons I want to run," said Walling, who made the comments to a crowd of about 30 people Thursday evening at the Delta Pinestone Resort.

Walling used daycare as a most recent example. He said that the Liberal Party has pledged an additional \$6 billion (on top of the \$5 billion pledged in the 2004 election campaign) toward childcare in an effort to make it a permanent part of the country's social benefit system. In contrast, the Conservative party has promised parents a \$1,200 annual allowance for each child under six years of age.

Walling criticized the Conservative plan as being shortsighted and called it nothing more than a tax credit that easily gets lost in the many bills Canadians pay on a month-to-month basis.

"Those are two fundamentally different ways of approaching a situation," said Walling, who described a Liberal as someone with the social values of the NDP and the fiscal outlook historically associated with the Conservative Party. "I think when you have a surplus you have to do something bold. You have to show some initiative. I don't think you just sit there, maybe pay down some debt, and buy some airplanes. You have to do something special and I think that's doing something really special."

Jay Shaw, 33, says he is "fairly decid-

Darren Lum/TIMES



'You have to show some initiative' when there's a budget surplus, Liberal candidate Greg Walling said at a reception at Delta Pinestone last week. 'You have to do something special', such as invest in childcare.

ed" toward the Liberal Party. His reason for voting, however, has more to do with international policies such as extreme poverty in Africa than homegrown issues.

"We vote for selfish reason generally," said Shaw, who drove from Minden to hear Walling speak. "We're more concerned with fixing our own health care system than people in other countries who are dying of AIDS."

Walling alluded to an international sensibility when he described himself as a "born-again environmentalist". He says he developed a more conscientious view of the environment after his work on the Frost Centre Working Group, a commit-

tee formed to recommend to government future usages of the Ministry of Natural Resources' now defunct environmental haven. Even though Walling, the founder of Star Choice Television, was brought onto the committee for his business expertise, he says he found it a "tremendous" learning experience and was impressed with the community's passion toward the environment.

Walling went on to touch upon the financial state of the county, saying that the Liberals don't get enough credit for how they've shaped the current economy. Ten years ago, he said, loans were handed out at 15 to 18 per cent interest instead of the five per cent of today. He also said the Liberals are the only true national party and that a divided country ends up affecting everyone because of the economic implications.

Many in the crowd were still undecided voters trying to find something that would tip the balance in their decision. Eric Lilius, whose daughter Freya is regional director for Walling's campaign, says his values fall in line more with the NDP Party on an issue-by-issue basis. However, he is considering a strategic vote toward his daughter's cause in order

to block the Conservatives from coming to power.

"I'll probably vote Liberal because it's the most effective way to use my vote," says Lilius. "I still find Harper very scary."

Like many voters, it appears Lilius will do so grudgingly as he bluntly states the reason for his probable vote: "Martin sucks less."

Lilius has closely monitored the Liberal candidate's work on the Frost Centre committee and says he's been impressed with the way Walling has opened himself to environmental issues.

"He's really more environmentally friendly than he was when he first started," said Lilius.

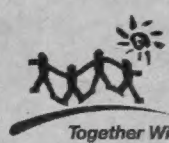
Adam Carpenter is a 26-year-old Minden resident who has not decided where to cast his vote. Because there are no national issues that Carpenter feels particularly strongly about, he says the competence of the local candidate is of primary importance. He gave Walling's speech the nod of approval.

"He comes across well and sounds like a sincere guy," says Carpenter. "Overall I believe what he said and agree with a lot of the stuff he had to say."

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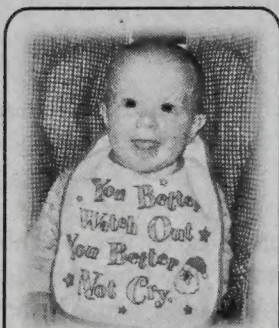
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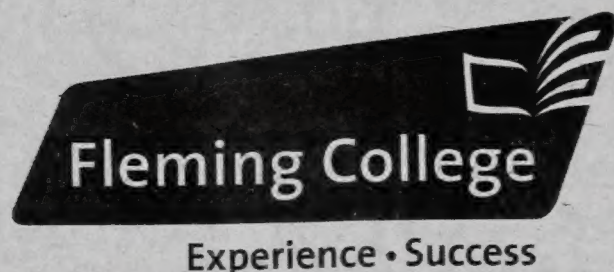
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North Shore Road improvements part of council's 2006 wish list

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands recently unveiled its preliminary budget for 2006. With the big news being the decrease in the municipal tax rate, other highlights of the "bare-bones" budget translate into a busy and potentially frugal year for the municipality.

"This is a good news budget," says CAO Lorne Mitchell. "It maintains what I think is cost of living increases while providing a good package to the ratepayers of the municipality."

On the ground level, there are three major road rehabilitations scheduled for 2006, the most significant being the North Shore Road from Highway 35 to St. Peters Road. Also on the 2006 roads rehabilitation agenda are the Hal's Lake Road East and West as well as the Old Mill Road.

Also, the Algonquin Highlands fire-fighters are getting several boosts in the 2006 budget.

"We are meeting our targets in areas that are important," says Mitchell. "[We are] continuing to maintain the integrity of fire breathing systems and protective gear through replacement of defective units," he stated in the preliminary budget highlights.

In total for 2006, the Algonquin Highlands Fire Department will receive just over \$150,000 for new bunker gear, new breathing apparatus and replacement fire hose and safety gear.

The airport, too, is a major recipient of funds in 2006. New hangar construction as well as taxiway resurfacing, a new tractor and a replacement furnace are scheduled for the airport at a projected cost of \$110,000.

Not surprisingly, the big ticket item of the township's preliminary budget for 2006 is the septage treatment facility that was approved for the Maple Lake landfill site earlier this year.

"It's the plum of our capital projects," says Mitchell. "It's the biggy."

Currently slated to cost \$538,250, the township is counting on monies from both the federal and provincial governments to make it happen. It is hoped, and indeed budgeted, that the municipality's share of the treatment facility at Maple Lake will be just over \$100,000.

The funding from the Canadian Ontario Rural Municipal Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF) will not be confirmed or denied until a few months into the new year, but council's only option is to move ahead with the current preliminary budget. Changes could be made later.

"I honestly don't want to put off the septage facility for any appreciable amount of time," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "It's been a long hard fight with many pitfalls. I would hate to take it out of the budget."

Mitchell says that even without the COMRIF funding, the treatment facility project could still go ahead; the township, however, would have to get creative.

"There is a significant gap there that require some creativity if the COMRIF funding doesn't come," says Mitchell. "But there are all kinds of ways to make it happen."

The township has yet to discuss contingency plans should the COMRIF funding fall through. However, because this is a preliminary look at the budget, council and the township's senior staff will no doubt be thinking about possibilities over the holidays.

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Assessment increases big factor in A.H. budget

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the board of education tax rate.

Although the province has said ratepayers will enjoy an education tax rate decrease of 12.5 per cent, the county says it's facing its toughest budget ever and is not currently projecting any tax rate decreases.

Recently, county councillors were given their first look at the various departments' wish lists. The county's budget projects a 40 per cent increase over last year. Early projections are that the municipality will need an additional \$3.2 million, although councillors are vowing to reduce that number by the time the budget is approved early next year.

Despite the preliminary municipal tax rate decrease of 24.31 per cent, it is still subject to change. It is especially dependant on what county council decides to do early in the new year.

Also, because of the rise in property assessment values, averaging 35 per cent throughout the county, a decrease in any

of the tax rates, or all of them, will still mean an increase in taxes for some ratepayers because the decreased tax rate is being applied to more expensive properties.

The rise in assessment values has been a hot topic in Haliburton County recently. Algonquin Highlands council was aware of the shifting of the tax burden and is glad that the preliminary budget, at least for the municipality's portion of the property tax, shows a significant decrease.

"I know our assessments are up," said Harrison, "but we have to take into consideration our waterfront property owners."

A dollar to dollar analysis of the 2005 budget and draft budget for 2006 shows a negligible increase in net expenditures, from approximately \$2.5 million in 2005 to approximately \$2.6 million in 2006.

Council and staff are being asked to analyze the budget over the holidays so that it might be changed, if necessary, and passed early in the new year.

Get ready to grill political hopefuls at all-candidates meeting

An all-candidates meeting has been scheduled for Haliburton County on Wednesday, January 11. In preparation of the upcoming federal election, the meeting, to be held tentatively at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton, is scheduled 12 days prior to election day.

Under the guidance of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the format for the all-candidates meetings is still being finalized. However, whatever format is used, the purpose of the meeting is to allow voters across the county the opportunity to have their questions answered by the candidates and to become more familiar with the candi-

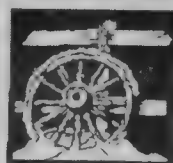
dates and their respective parties' platforms.

Moderating the meeting will be Jack Brezina.

All candidates from the four major parties have confirmed their attendance: Conservative candidate Barry Devolin, Green party candidate Andrew Harjula, NDP candidate Anne MacDermid and Liberal candidate Greg Walling.

For more information or to confirm the meeting, call the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce at 286-1760.

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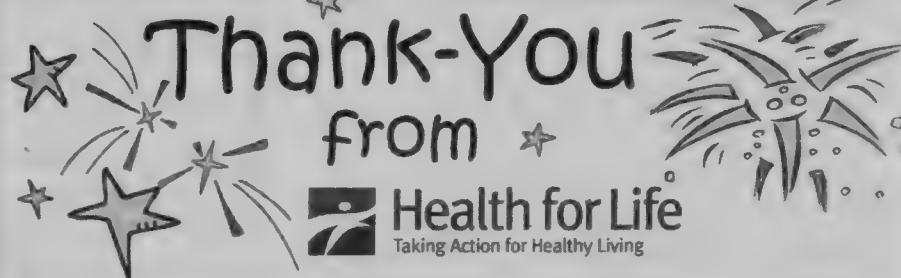
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And thank-you to all of the other volunteers and community partners not mentioned here for their time and commitment to building a healthy community!

When the presents are unwrapped, recycle

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Christmas is almost here and rest assured that Sunday morning, amidst the new presents and smiling faces, Christmas will come with packages, boxes and bags. But what to do with them?

Greg Watson and Michelle Costello-Watson, owners of Watson General Contracting, run the landfill sites of both the townships of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands. They see first-hand how people treat their refuse and this holiday season, they are offering a few helpful reminders.

"We are losing space in our landfill sites," says Watson. "It is so important to save our space."

"People need to recycle," he adds. "Generally they are pretty good but around the holidays, we need to do more."

In addition to the usual recycling regimens that the ratepayers of the two townships abide by, Watson says that during the holiday season there is an influx of unusual items people do not often see, such as wrapping paper, styrofoam, all types of plastic and cardboard boxes.

Surprisingly, most of the items can be recycled. Wrapping paper and all types of cardboard, once broken down, can be put into the fibres bin at any of the landfill sites in both Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills.

Styrofoam and plastics can be recycled in the mixed containers and mixed plastic bins at the landfill sites. But putting refuse in the right bins is only the first step.

"It is important to consider the size of what you're recycling," cautions Watson. "Water bottles and pop cans...squish them flat."

Also, cardboard boxes should be flattened.

"Try to avoid dead air," he adds.

In Algonquin Highlands there is a bylaw in place to ensure that people recycle. In Minden Hills, while recycling is not mandatory, there is a fee for disposing of more than two bags of waste.

To avoid a messy Boxing Day sorting through the trash, Watson urges ratepayers to think ahead.

"On Christmas Day, have recycling bags ready," says Watson. "It is easier to sort as you throw it away."

All landfill sites in both Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills will be closed on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Those sites scheduled to be open on Monday will follow their regular hours of operation on Boxing Day. All other landfill sites will be open during their scheduled hours of operation throughout the holiday.

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Christmas hampers ready for pick-up

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The Minden Community Centre is a buzz right now with lakes of food and mountains of toys being stuffed into boxes for the Christmas Hamper campaign. The stuffing continues today and the hampers themselves will be available tomorrow.

For approximately 20 years, the Christmas Hamper campaign has been going strong and Ron Reid, the organizer for the last seven years, thinks this year is going to be a good one.

"It's been going really well," Reid says while eyeing the tables laden with toys and food in the Community Centre. "This community is unbelievable, their generosity is incredible."

Reid, who has been excitedly working all week collecting and sorting food and toys for the hampers, has now enlisted volunteers to prepare the hampers themselves.

"We've had a great turnout of volunteers," he says. "We've had 27 volunteers and we are all still keeping busy."

At the hamper headquarters in Minden, Reid and his team will continue packing the hampers today in preparation for their being handed out tomorrow.

Rotarians Joanne and Bob Penfold were on potato duty yesterday at the Minden Community Centre as the annual Christmas Hamper campaign was underway. The hampers, being given out on tomorrow, contain all the right stuff for a traditional Christmas dinner: a turkey or ham, bread, stuffing, vegetables, and of course lots and lots of potatoes.

Bryn Weese/TIMES



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St. Paul's, Minden	7:00 pm	Christmas Communion
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Carol Moffatt/Special to The Times

Lost something?

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Don't become a statistic this snowmobiling season

The Ontario government is reminding snowmobilers to ride safely for an enjoyable winter season.

Every season, an average of 30 to 40 people are killed and more than 300 injured while snowmobiling in Ontario. Most incidents occur off trail and involve alcohol, high speed, or riding after dark.

Trails in the Highlands are not yet open. To find out about current conditions in the Highlands, visit www.hcsa.on.ca.

Don't drink and ride

- Alcohol affects judgment and response times, increases fatigue and the risk of

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- Drinking and riding is a criminal offence that can affect your driving record and insurance rates

Speeding

- Always respect the speed limits posted on trails and roadways. The speed limit on a trail is generally 50 km/h unless otherwise indicated

Ice and snowmobiling

- Ice conditions can be unpredictable and change quickly so avoid travelling on unmarked frozen lakes and rivers
- If you must ride on ice, always check

ice conditions before going out and stay on trails that have been marked by the local snowmobile club

- Wear a buoyant snowmobile suit and carry ice picks to improve your chances of survival if you break through ice or drive into open water

Night riding

- Lower your speed. Reduced nighttime visibility makes hazards such as rocks, trees, fences and gates more difficult to spot

- Every snowmobile must have working head and tail lights
- Wear reflective clothing
- Avoid riding alone
- If you must stop on a road or trail, pull off to the side and keep your snowmobile

running so your lights will be visible to oncoming traffic

Protect yourself

- Always wear an approved helmet
- Wear layers of warm, waterproof and windproof clothing
- Install a visor on your helmet, wear UV protected sunglasses, or goggles to reduce glare and guard against snow blindness

"As an off-road experience, snowmobiling takes place in an unpredictable and inherently risky natural setting," said Dennis Burns, President, Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC). "So it's up to each rider to make smart choices and be responsible for their own safety and the safety of others."



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Midgets win Silverstick honours

by WADE MACINNES
Silverstick Tournament Director

The Highland Storm hosted their third annual Silverstick regional hockey tournament with great accolades from all participants.

On Saturday Dec. 10 and Sunday Dec. 11 the Atom and PeeWee AE divisions played 30 games. On December 17 and 18 the Bantam and Midget divisions played 30 games.

All the Storm teams performed very well. The Atoms and Bantams had three close games in their round robins with tough competition. The Atoms tied Napanee 2-2, lost to Lakefield 2-0 and lost to Caledonia 3-2 in a nail biter.

The Bantams lost 2-1 to Lindsay, 3-1 to Parry Sound and 3-2 to Belleville in some really tight games.

The Atom championship went to Napanee who beat Lakefield 1-0. The Bantam championship went to Tavistock who squeaked by New Hamburg 2-1.

The Storm's PeeWees and Midgets advanced to the Sunday playoffs. The



By winning the final game at the silverstick tournament in Haliburton, the Highland Storm Midgets advance to the international competition in Pelham in January.

PeeWees lost in the semi-finals 3-2 to Acton who went on to win the championship 5-2 over Belleville.

The Midgets defeated Port Hope 4-2 in the semi-finals and out-smarted the Bracebridge Bears 4-1 to win the Midget championship. Congratulations to Coach Jim Winn and his hockey club who will once again represent the region at the

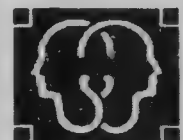
International finals in Pelham in January.

Thanks to all our host teams for running excellent tournaments. Russ Holmberg, the deputy commissioner for the Silverstick Hockey Association, visited the Dysart arena and the S.G. Nesbitt arena during the tournament and gave a thumbs-up report on the tournament.

Running successful tournaments takes a

lot of dedication and volunteer support.

Thanks go to Rod and Wendy Sis-son, Nanci Hunter, Mark Freeman, Don and Janice Lewis, Bill and Sherry Mulholland, Jim and Barb Winn, Andy and Cathy Salvatori, Craig Cowen, Gary and Gayle Clements, Ron and Brenda Callaghan, Dave Martin, Glen Hall, Karen Trehorne and supporting casts.

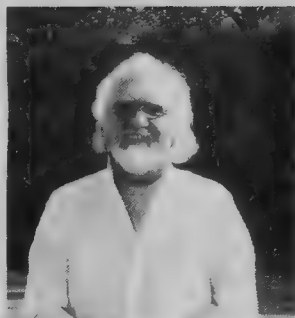


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Peewees make it to semi-finals

by MARK FREEMAN
Times Staff

On Saturday, December 10, the Tri-County Peewees hosted their 3rd Annual International Silverstick AE Regional Tournament in Minden.

The team is sponsored by the Peppermill Restaurant and in regular season play have dominated their Tri-County league with an undefeated record of 20-0-0. The team scored 164 goals in these 20 games, allowed only 18 goals against and collected seven shutouts.

But even with this record could they compete at the AE level with their compact crew of nine skaters and a goalie against larger teams of 15 or 16 skaters and two goalies all day? As the day continued the competition found out a short

Daren Lum/TIMES



Highland Storm Peewees stand in the crease, waiting for a loose puck against the Lakefield Hawks in Minden at the S. G. Nesbitt Arena. The Storm won the game 4-0.

bench doesn't necessarily give you an easy win.

Game one was at 8 a.m. against Napanee and the Storm came out strong with two first-period goals but, sadly, those

would be all the points they would tally for the game. Napanee played hard to score one in the second period and two more in the third, which gave them the win.

Game two against Cambellford was at

noon and with their first defeat of the year dealt to them, the squad came out to collect needed points. With no scoring in the first period of play the Storm was unleashed in the second and produced six goals, allowing only one.

The third period saw three more unanswered goals for the Highland Peewees which saw every skater on the team contribute to scoring. They finished this match-up with a 9-1 win, which gave the group eight points they so needed.

That set up game three at 4 p.m. against Lakefield who were undefeated on the day. This put our guys and girl into a must-win situation to take all points possible to have a chance to advance to the semi-finals on Sunday. With the Peewees getting stronger every game, the third was to be no different.

The team set out to win every period; scoring the only goal in the first period secured the points for that period. The second saw two goals by the Highlands crew to clinch that period of play. The third period points would be added to the team total, as well points for the win with a single goal in the frame. Congratulations to the team on this 4-0 shut-out win. The group of ten had accomplished what they set out to do in gathering the

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Peewees face off against bigger team

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maximum nine points on the last game of the day against the day's strongest team in our pool.

Hoping these points would secure them second place in their pool to carry on to the semis, the team soon found out that their efforts had placed them number one in their pool. This put the Lakefield Chiefs out of contention and assured a position in the semi-finals Sunday at 12:30.

Sunday, December 11, the Highland Storm Peewees faced off with Acton Tanners at 12:30 in Haliburton. The Acton squad was large in size and numbers, and played a very aggressive style of hockey. But the short bench jumped right in and went toe to toe with a never-surrender attitude. Hard to pin down, the Storm came out hard and fast taking it to the Tanners with two unanswered first period goals.

Unfortunately, these would be the team's only goals as the close checking game wore on the crew. Although battling on, with excellent back checking and numerous opportunities, the Acton team was relentless and scored

a goal in the second period and two more in the third for the win and a spot in the finals where they would eventually end the day as champions.

Congratulations to the players on their outstanding performance over the weekend. They should be proud of their excellent results as Silver Stick Semi-Finalists: Marcie Dick (Game 4 M.V.P., 2g 5a), Nick Freeman (7g, 1a), Colby Cunningham (1g, 7a), Greg Clements (3a), Stephan Schollig (5g, 3a), Dillon Upton (2g, 4a), Brady Dodds (1a), John Rae (1a), Jon Salvatori (1a), and goalie Rob Lewis (1 shutout, 1.75 g.a.a. for tour).

The team would like to thank all parents and staff for their time and efforts, with a special thanks to Janice Lewis, our manager, and thanks as well to our tournament sponsors, Hydro One, Curry Motors, Country Carpentry, Terry and Marg Dodds, Village Chalet Restaurant, Subway Development Corporation and K-Line.

We would also like to acknowledge Wade McInnes, co-ordinator of the Silver Stick, for his dedication and hard work towards the Silver Stick tournaments.

Tykes on winning streak

The Highland Storm Tykes have won 10 out of 13 games so far this season. With the help of the awesome coaching staff David McKay, Kevin Hamilton, Tim Keefer and Jim O'Neill, the children have had lots of fun and learned many valuable skills along the way.

The team consists of three awesome veteran players, Austin McKay, Jacob Bishop and Morgan Hamilton, who have made newcomers welcome, displayed positive encouragement and leadership skills to others on the team. Noah Dollo, Andrew Hall, Ethan Miles, Chase Burden, Greg Crofts, and Jaydon Wood are first year players who came in with lots of talent and heart.

Three mighty Mites by the names of Carter O'Neil, Nolan Flood and Josh Boice have stepped up and become very competitive Tyke players. A special hello to the fourth mighty mite, Dawson Hamilton, who has been sidelined for this season but will be back in full force next year.

Last but certainly not least the team acknowledges the parents for the positive cheering and dedication in making sure their children arrive to practices and games on time.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and fun-filled holiday season! Merry Christmas.

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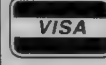
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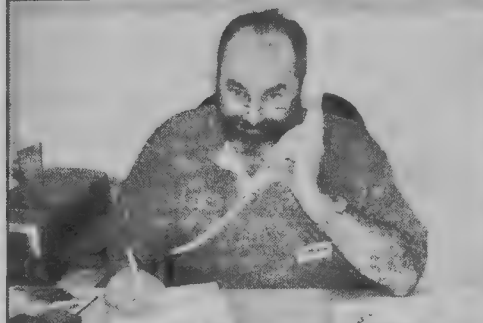


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Red Hawk curlers advance to regionals

by TOM DIBBLEE
HHSS Curling Coach

The Red Hawks had a proud showing at the Gore Mutual Insurance Company curling championships.

The Zone playdowns took place on December 17 and 18 at the Lakefield Curling Club. There were nine boys' and five girls' teams.

HHSS put in two boys teams and one girls team.

The HHSS A team defended their title from last year and were the A side champions again this year. They played three games and were undefeated. They first played Holy Cross from Peterborough and defeated them 10-5.

Their second (and most harrowing game) was against the formidable Crestwood team. HHSS eventually beat them 9-5. The Crestwood team were flawless until the Red Hawks got two lucky breaks in the 6th end to earn them five points.

The third game was against Adam Scott. HHSS beat them 7-4.

Excellent curling by all players. The HHSS A team now advances to the Gore regionals in Peterborough.

The HHSS B team was escorted by community coaches Geoff and Lise Ainsley. They gained valuable experience and proved to be a competitive force in the playdowns. Curtis was unflappable

and showed excellent strategic wisdom as their team won two games and lost two.

Their first game was against I.E. Weldon. It was a close match-up with the Nichol rink winning by one in the last end. Highlights included Curtis drawing for one when Weldon was happily sitting four.

Their second game was a loss against Adam Scott. The score was tied 3-3 after five ends but then the other team took two and then another two.

This put them on the B-side where they confidently defeated the Thomas A. Stewart team. Getting four in the fifth end was a great morale booster. HHSS won this game 9-3.

Their fourth game put them against St. Peter's. It was a tight game and the boys never gave up. They lost 8-6 but they ran out of ends as they were catching up from an 8-2 score in the 5th. An awesome performance.

The HHSS girls' team proved to be competitive in the early ends of the games but tended to give up bigger ends later in the game. Coach Kathy Hutson saw the girls lose their first game against Crestwood 10-2.

Their second game put the girls against FFSS. Highlights included Coral drawing for four points in the second end. HHSS eventually lost 13-4. Nice effort.

The team is now working on their take-outs.



The HHSS A team consisted of Skip Edward Cyr, Vice Jake Walker, Second Connor Duhaime and Lead Jeff Sobol. They won their games, advancing to the regionals.



The HHSS B team consisted of Slip Curtis Nichol, Vice David Wright, Second Andrew Flowers and Lead Daniel Wright.

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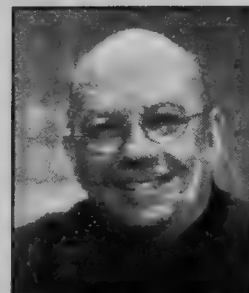
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High Single HC: Ken Thompson 362; Tina Hadley 260

High Triple: Ken Thompson 713; Tina Hadley 594

High Triple HC: Robert McIvor 745; Tina Hadley 777

Tuesday Night, December 13

High Average: Ken Thompson 221; Marlene Robinson 205

High Single: Eric Burk 279; Brenda Harding 214

High Single HC: Justin Burk 337; Miranda Versi 249

High Triple: Eric Burk 654; Brenda Harding 559

High Triple HC: Justin Burk 835; Clara Vuksic 677

Wednesday Afternoon, December 14

High Average: Ken Thompson 210; Marie Thompson 172

High Single: Ken Thompson 238; Marg Schepers 231

High Single HC: Vern Stout 305; Marg Schepers 295

High Triple: Ken Thompson 644; Marg Schepers 544

High Triple HC: Vern Stout 753; Marg Schepers 736

Thursday Afternoon, December 15

High Average: Ken Thompson 218; Josie Cheesman 169

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Delta Pinestone Resort has participated in a number of community projects, including Adopt-a-Highway, Fleming College's Feast of Foods and annual golf tournament and the annual Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Rotary Charity Golf Classic golf tournament, among other worthy projects.

Burnt River bridges have been re-opened

After being closed for extensive repairs, Lambs Bridge and Hodgsons Bridge on City of Kawartha Lakes Rd. #44 in Burnt River have been re-opened.

The City of Kawartha Lakes appreciates drivers' co-operation over the past few months.

HEALTH UNIT HOLIDAY HOURS

The Health Unit office will be closed for the holiday season on: December 22, 23, 26, 29 and 30.



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Holiday hours at the Rec: The Dorset Recreation Centre will be closing Saturday, December 24 at noon and re-opening for regular hours on Monday, January 2. Have a Merry Christmas and all the best for a healthy and happy 2006 from all the staff.

What's new and exciting at the Dorset CAP (public computer and internet access) site? Having trouble taking pictures with your digital camera? Not sure how to operate it? Do you need to know how to organize your pictures on the computer? If so, call on Robbie, full-time photographer with two years' experience. Robbie also happens to be available free of charge to help you out at the Dorset Recreation Centre with your digital camera, or any other computer-related questions. Call 766-9968 Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and ask for Rob.

Robinson's General Store is having free turkey draws. Every day until December 23, they are giving away one free turkey and on December 24 they will be doing a draw for a \$100 gift certificate. No purchase is necessary; simply come to the store and ask for an entry ballot. Also, Robinson's No Tax Sale is running until December 24.

The gymnasium at the Dorset Recreation Centre will be closed again this week to "finish the refinishing". All other areas of the centre will remain open regular operating hours.

On Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve Services are

at 4 p.m. at Knox United Dorset and 7 p.m. at Pioneer Memorial, Hillside. Sunday, January 1 a combined service for all three churches at Pioneer Memorial, Hillside, will be conducted by Rev. Robin Sharp. Sunday, January 8 services at Knox United, Dorset at 9:30 a.m. and Pioneer Memorial, Hillside at 11 a.m. will be conducted

by lay preacher Gundy Upans. Services will continue to be held at 9:30 a.m. in Dorset and 11 a.m. in Hillside while Dwight is closed during the winter months.

Christmas Eve services at St. Mary Magdalene's

Anglican Church, Dorset will be at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome. There will be no service on Sunday, December 25.

Over the last couple of years the Haliburton County Public Library has seen an amazing increase in library website usage. Residents and visitors use it to check branch hours, complete on-line surveys, browse the catalogue, request books and more. In the near future, there will be a new and exciting website to use. So watch for it! In the meantime, continue to do a Google search for the Haliburton County Public Library website in the convenience of your own home or on one of the computers available in all eight branches. Keeping up-to-date at your library!

Birthday wishes for the week of December 18 to 24 go out to Jessica Reilly, Karen Knutt, Olga Cunningham and Betty Learmonth. I hope you enjoy your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
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NOTICE

Township of Algonquin Highlands
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Trails and Tours celebrates year of volunteerism

Good food, good company and good conversation are always the recipe for a wonderful gathering. Last Thursday evening was no exception as the staff and executive of Trails and Tours feted those involved in the organization, be they on the board of directors, community partners or volunteers offering their time in any capacity.

Executive director Lindsay Elder sends "Thanks and season's greetings to all of our



wonderful volunteers on the Algonquin Highlands Walking and Hiking Trails Committee and all other 'on the ground' volunteers."

Lindsay, Karen Hoover, Kate Hall and the newest addition to the staff, Sam Davies, passed around trays of delicacies all evening voicing their appreciation for the time that busy individuals have donated this year to developing new trails, to maintaining existing trails or to helping with various organized activities.

Sharon Briscoe, a volunteer herself, pitched right in, having established herself as an indispensable member of the Trails and Tours family. Myrlene Foster also made the rounds with delicacies of all descriptions. Over 80 people filled the home of Lindsay Elder and Paul Bacon, which is located on Brady Lake, coming to the party despite blizzard conditions outside. Hardy souls like Doug Aldworth actually walked over.

For some people, running the trails in the county is a way of life. During conversation, I learned that Steve Walker and Brenda Wilcox have run all the existing trails. En route they usually notice where trees need to be trimmed or cut back and then go home to get the chain saw, returning to ensure that others on the trail will encounter safe and easy passage.

They noted, "We especially look forward to running the snowmobile trails in winter because the swamps are frozen over and we get to see areas that are inaccessible at other times of the year." They offered to take me out on the trails and, as long as they don't make me run, I'm up for the challenge.

Margaret and Peter Brogden pointed out how popular the ski trails at the Frost Centre are with groups of 20 or more going out on a regular basis. Their only concern is that trails be maintained for skiers and that other winter enthusiasts respect that.

Many of those involved in the Hike Haliburton Festival were present and their

contributions were gratefully acknowledged. Some of those included Rick Whitteker, Adam Barkovitz and Eric Lilius, there with Carolynn Coburn.

Eleanor Harrison, reeve of Algonquin Highlands, and Barry Devolin, Haliburton's MP, were present to enjoy some festive cheer and local company. As

a member of the Rail Trail Committee, Eleanor's input is significant. Barry Devolin, enjoying

some well-earned relaxation, chatted with Tony Aymong, Laurie Carmount and her husband, Robin, about their mutual interest in Nascar races and about Airstream trailer travel.

Carol Moffat, one of the newest members of the executive committee, and Tony have been trying to get away all fall for a holiday. Carol has had a busy year with the log chute project but still found time to work on the MarCom Committee for Trails and Tours and to do their newsletters. She is a great resource and, as Lindsay says, "We are always picking Carol's brain."

Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner also attended, representing Algonquin Highlands, whose trails are managed by the Trails and Tours network. Bob Hall, a new member of the executive committee, was also warmly welcomed.

You can't keep active minded volunteers focused on strictly fun for too long though, before some business topic enters the conversation. Marketing strategies is always a hot topic at such gatherings in the Highlands, perhaps because it's so much fun to compare ideas, discuss partnerships and generate new ideas.

Barrie Martin, accompanied by his wife, Pat, mentioned that the folk society is advertising for a youth intern to take charge of marketing for them. That led to a discussion of the wonderful seminar Mike Jaycock gave at community services last spring on marketing for non-profit organizations. Everyone has an opinion on what kind of marketing would work best.

Bob Smith, economic development officer for the county, was in attendance as was Scott de Savoy, chair of Haliburton Tourism. Sally Moore, head of the Bed and Breakfast Association, chatted with Andy Campbell of HCDC. Always in the air was the comment, "We must get together in January to discuss how we can partner on that." Haliburton County offers so many challenges and opportunities for go-getters such as those present.



Thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers, Haliburton County boasts a diverse and extensive trail system.

Many gathered around the pool table downstairs where Paul Bacon, a champion player, challenged them to a series of games. Laughter and Christmas cheer were everywhere. More congenial hosts would be difficult to find and most of us stayed for several hours.

This busy week for parties continued with a birthday celebration on Sunday for Michael Fay who turned 60. Friends from far and wide were invited to an open house. Fay Wilkinson led guests in an honorary chant with her drum, having provided musical shakers for the crowd to enable others to join in the ritual. Michael was loaned a triple wood guiro and he creatively beat out the rhythm on it with a tiny mallet while joining in the chant with other revelers. Wilkinson's chant pointed out that it was a day to honour, a day to savour, one of much gratitude.

Entering a new decade is an exciting experience for everyone, one that may provide quite a ride with both challenges and joys. Each day is a fresh gift and the essence of life is having friends and family to share it with. A full house, with standing room only, attested to the fact that Michael had the latter and, after the chant, he raised a toast "to a wonderful assemblage of brilliant individuals."

Everyone concurred, of course.

Fay Martin deserves a special toast also for her divine spinach and cheese popovers, one of the bountiful delicacies she provided for family and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish folks in Stanhope the best the season has to offer. Writing the Stanhope Life column this last year has been a wonderful opportunity and has allowed me to learn so much about the area in which we live. Many of you have sent me information for the column and I appreciate all the contributions. While the column does cover events, it is also about the people who make Stanhope such an interesting place to live. There have been many challenges, accomplishments and exciting things happening. From the feedback that I have received, the column about our community is well read.

May the year 2006 be just as satisfying and prosperous as 2005 for those accepting new challenges. If you would like to share anything (serious or humorous) from your wish list for 2006 or from your holiday experiences, please contact me. Deadlines are Tuesday at noon.

May you revel in the love of family and friends this season, reaching out to others not as fortunate.



County of Hastings REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - PROJECT #ADM-2005-02 FOREST MANAGEMENT - COUNTY PINE PLANTATION - BIRDS CREEK

The Corporation of the County of Hastings requires the services of a Logging Contractor to work with our Registered Professional Forester Consultant for the Forestry Management Activities, for the saw log and pulpwood, on the County Forest in Birds Creek, Ontario, Part Lots 3 and 4, Concession II, Herschel Township. Qualified Logging Contractors interested in submitting a proposal bid for the above project can pick up a Request for Proposal package at the following addresses from Monday to Friday between 9:00AM and 4:00pm.

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All submissions must be addressed as follows, including appropriate Project # ADM-2005-02 and be received before **11:00-AM, Thursday, December 29, 2005.**

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NOTICE Township of Algonquin Highlands

The Regular Meeting of Council
scheduled for **Thursday, January 5, 2006**
has been **CANCELLED**.

The next Regular Meeting will be held
Thursday, January 19, 2006
as previously scheduled.

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Happy fifth anniversary to the voice of Kinmount

Today's column is #212 for this writer since her first effort on December 17, 2001. It has been a pleasurable weekly task and one that has brought valued contact with many people, especially those who faithfully provide the scores for the various events. Without their support the column could not continue.

While the scores are of interest, I have learned that behind the scenes there is so much more. These events serve to bring together neighbours who often become friends, people who care and are willing to assist when needed providing transportation, meals and sometimes just a listening ear or welcome shoulder to lean on.

Re-reading column #1 not much has changed. Santa's parade again moved out along a beautifully decorated Main Street complete with its handcrafted nativity scene while under the Angel Trees new toys and food items were placed to brighten Christmas for others. Our community organizations and individuals continue to contribute to that perception of country kindness which drew so many of us former city dwellers to make our home here. While other perceptions may have proved somewhat naive this one rings true. From the old farmhouse to your house a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a draw ticket on the Christmas basket in support of the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park project. Congratulations to the winner Lynn Nelson of Minden. It seems particularly fitting that Lynn purchased her ticket from Cathy Chapman, Shaun's mother, at hockey.

Why not plan to "dance in" the New Year upstairs at the Kinmount Legion with D.J. Tom Williamson on Saturday, December 31 starting at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per couple or \$15 for singles which includes a buffet, favours and door prizes. Please note this is a non-smoking, age of majority event.

On New Year's Day Legion President Joe McNamara will host the President's Levy at the Legion from 2 - 7 p.m. with refreshments available. The Legion also wishes to thank everyone who helped make the Santa Claus Parade a success with a special nod of appreciation to Santa for taking time in his busy schedule to personally visit our town.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

December 13 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Marcel Roussel led the scoring at 345 with Rob Evans next at 333 and Albert Foster 310 third. Ida Young and Marcel Roussel [2] took the moonshots with Marcy Morgan, Thelma Francis and Edith Burch winning the draws.

December 13 euchre at Gelert Community Centre: For the ladies Betty Hicks was high and Gala Newell low with Don Curry tops for the gents and Don Hicks low. Emily Harvie won for most lone hands and Rita Crofts for the regular draw while Betty Curry, Helen Burk and Karen Vick took home the special draw prizes. The next euchre at Gelert will be January 10th.

December 13 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: In first going solo at 365 was Pearl Cowen followed by Helen Skelding and Alf Briscoe 243. Sandy Poulton teamed with Cliff Davison for third at 236 while Grace Berardi and Colleen Davison recorded the low of 136.

December 13 contract bridge at Stanhope: Two Slams were made by Len McNeice first with Gloria Moore and then Theresa Carroll. Leading the scoring was Mary McNeice 5780 then Len McNeice

5740, Pearl Foster 5700 and Lita Peirol 5100. Joan Davies won the lucky draw, Ray Moore the Shiny Penny and Mary McNeice the "B.H." Award for being the "Better Half".

December 14 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the

Howell system Grace Boice and Pat Hannah were first at 58% with Stella McMillan

and Ross Davies second at 56% and Harold Cox partnered with Chuck Wilson third at 52%.

December 14 bid euchre at Stanhope: Lottie Ruttan, Stan Hill, Len Kroes, Belle Walker, June Branning, Margaret Bull, Grace Berardi and Dick Coffey reportedly all looked great wearing the moonshot red hat. Mary Pearson topped the pinks at 301 with Lottie Ruttan 274 second and Willie Cox 269 third. For the whites Tom Grix was high at 298 then Verna Sawyer 255 and Tom Pearson 247. Everyone would like to thank Rob and Sharon Evans for a fun year at cards and an absolutely wonderful meal to celebrate Christmas. Until January 4th Seasons Greetings.

December 14 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: Mildred St. Thomas was high for the ladies and Emily Harvie low while Mike St. Thomas led the gents and Roger Fournier was low man. Thelma Francis was double lucky winning for both lone hands and the draw.

December 15 euchre at the Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Gwen Cox and Don Hicks with the high scores a family affair going to our reporter May and Jim Bradbury. Helen Skelding and Don Burch recorded the lows while Flo Roussel, Jim Bradbury, Verna McDonald and Tom Grix won the other prizes. The special Christmas Draw winners were Lorne Dinesen and Maria Tschida along with Lois and Syd Adamson.

December 16 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: In first were Reet Murray and Bill Sandford at 64% then Mayme Douglas and Elva Robinson at 58% and Chuck Wilson partnered with Ross Fletcher at 52%.

December 16 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Albert Foster won for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands, our reporter Doreen Francis for low hands and Ruth Kellett for the draw. Please note there will not be Friday night euchre at the Court for the next two weeks.

December 16 bid euchre/euchre at Club 35: To celebrate the holidays together Club 35 combined these two events with an excellent turnout. In bid euchre moonshots rained down on Jack Cox, Leroy Mowat, Olive Jones, Linda Voycey, Helen Windsor, Jean Dutka, Alvin Cowen, Garth Windsor, Mary Pearson [2], George Bye and Dick Coffey. At 322 Mary Pearson led the pinks followed by Olive Jones 320 and Verna McDonald 275. First for the whites was Percy Butler 303 then Chris Clarke 295 and Rob Evans 271 with Linda Voycey holding the hidden score.

For euchre Lorne Dinesen took lone hand honours and Pearl Kernohan won the baloney. High score holders were Carol Hill and Ray Sisson with Mavis Ryalen and Perry Morrison taking the lows. Please note there will be bid euchre at

Club 35 on Friday, December 23rd.

December 17 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshot quintet members were Kevin Maloney, Jean Scadden, Marcel Roussel, Theresa Deak and Don Burch. Tops for the pinks was Pat Roussel 303 with June Branning 290 second and Elli Langpohl 234 third. Jesse Barlow was first for the whites at 233 then Tom Grix 228 and Margaret Fletcher 227 third. Bev Johnson, Pat Bailey and Jean Scadden took the draws. Next bid euchre will be January 7th.

December 19 cribbage at the Minden Legion: Members of the top trio were Syd Adamson along with Jean and Pat Scadden. The other prizes went to Edith Burch, Elva Paisley, Don Hicks and Jean Scadden. Merry Christmas to all, see everyone back for cribbage on January

9th.

December 19 euchre at Club 35: Tom Pearson held the most lone hands while Cliff Davison won the bologna. The Windsor family, Helen and Garth, recorded the high scores with Clara Miscio and Murray Daniels taking the lows. Club 35 will hold bid euchre on December 23rd.

December 19 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Frank Franzen had a great afternoon taking the high score, draw and a moonshot. Theresa Deak filled the second high slot and also had a moonshot along with Marjorie Paradis [2].

December 19 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: For high hands it was Maria Tschida, for lone hands Luverne Stewart, for low hands Perry Peacock with Helen Skelding winning the special prize. The group thanks Diane and Perry Peacock for the lovely luncheon and looks forward to returning for cards on January 2nd.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O. Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday January 9th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-089/05
Applicant: Ian MacNAB
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 15, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
Nature of the Application: New Lot
- File No. H-124/05 & H-125/05
Applicant: Paul & Rose ALLISON
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 16, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
Nature of the Application: 2 New Lots & Rights-of-way
- File No. H-126/05
Applicant: Larry LUTHER
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 11, Concession A, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: New Lot
- File No. H-129/05
Applicant: LIONS CLUB OF MINDEN
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 4, Concession A, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Easement
- File No. H-130/05 & H-131/05
Applicant: Michael McELWAIN
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 3, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Right-of-way
- File No. H-132/05, H-133/05 & H-134/05
Applicant: Andy & Cindy PRISTOL
Location of the Property: Pt Lots 24 & 25, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: 3 New Lots
- File No. H-136/05
Applicant: 564816 ONTARIO INC.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 10, Concession A, Geographic Township of Anson
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 22nd day of December, 2006.

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Haliburton Broadcasting Group owns and operates 12 radio stations and 3 repeaters in 14 markets across Ontario. We are now proud to announce that our newest station "93.5 Moose FM" will be broadcasting in the new year from studios located on the main street of Haliburton above Mingle's Restaurant.

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- Dec. 29:** "Home to the Highlands - a holiday musical cabaret with Edgar Thatcher and Friends" will be held at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Thursday, Dec. 29. Doors open at 7 p.m.. The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. and continue onto 10:30. Advance tickets available at Agnew's in Wilberforce, Henwood's Variety in Haliburton, and Harvest Moon and Woodbugs & Guitar Nuts in Bancroft.
- Dec. 31:** Coboconk Royal Canadian Legion invites everyone to their New Year's Eve Party with DJ Alison Bowins. Tickets are now available. Price includes a light meal and a chance at the door rize, a 19" colour TV. Bring your noise makers and hats and ring in the New Year at the Coboconk Legion Hall.
- Jan. 10:** Ontario Early Years Minden Family Supper Night is taking place on January 10, 2006 for families with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child and other families join us for information on how to manage difficult behaviours with our guest Darlene Box from Family Services. Please call to register by Monday, Jan. 9, 2006 at 286-1770.
- Jan. 12:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden - Well Baby Drop-In will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in (Sears Building). Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. For information call the Health Unit, 457-1391.
- Jan. 12:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton Family Supper Night is taking place on January 12, 2006 for families with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child and other families join us for information on how to handle your child's whining and temper tantrums. Please call to register by Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006 at 457-2989.
- Jan. 12:** Ladies Fellowship - The West Guilford Community Centre, Thurs., Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Theme: New Beginnings. Special Speaker: Ruth Carter. Feature: Mary Gryciuk of Marty's. Music: Donna Lee Sisson. Join us for a ladies night out! For more info. call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
- Jan. 17:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be holding its regularly scheduled December meeting due to the holidays. We wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our next meeting will be Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- Jan. 18:** Parent-Child Kindergym - The Ontario Early Years Centre, in partnership with Haliburton Dance Arts, will be offering "Kindergym" for parents and their pre-school children. 6 week session starting Wed., Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Physical Journeys, Main St., Minden. Instructor: Terri Mathews. Call the O.E.Y.C. at 286-1770 to register as spaces are limited. There is no cost, donations appreciated.
- Jan. 19:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-In Clinic. Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton - Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- Jan. 25:** Prenatal Class Registration Deadline. Join this free class offered by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call the Health Unit at 457-1391 to register or find out more.
- Jan. 28:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden - Family Literacy Day on Sat., Jan. 28 from 10:30 - 1:00. We will be making books, having story time, and sharing a potluck brunch. Each family will receive a new book to take home. Call 286-1770.
- Feb. 2, 9 & 16:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton is offering Learning Begins workshop series for families with children 0-2 years in Haliburton. Babies have "best times" for learning. Join us to learn about how the brain works, find out when and what your baby is learning at each age, and find ways to give your child a best start in thinking and doing! Join us Thursday mornings starting February 2, 9, and 16 by registering at our Early Learning Centre 457-2989 by January 26, 2006. Ask us about child-care.

- Al-Anon Meetings** - Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance).
- Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** - Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.
- Community Care Haliburton County** - If you need assistance with household chores - both inside and outside the home - please ask about our brokered worker program for Home Help and Home Maintenance. All our workers have been screened and pre-approved by our office. They offer low-cost service to seniors and disabled adults throughout Haliburton County. Call 457-2941.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636, Minden** holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- Haliburton Seniors Club meet every Thursday at noon at the Haliburton Legion, Br. 129. Sandwiches and goodies. Every 2nd Thursday is Potluck.
- Join Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton** for an exciting new parent child series. Cooking with Kids is a four-week program. Parents will leave with ideas to continue the learning at home. Call Stephanie at 457-2989 for more info or to sign up.

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Christmas through a child's eyes

Is there anything more magical than the joy on a child's face on Christmas morning? Once again the students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School add their own dash of magic by sharing their Christmas stories with us while local businesses extend their warmest best wishes for the season. The photos were taken by Darren Lum during the school's open house last Thursday night. Enjoy!



Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? I am feeling excited about Christmas. Is it really true that you travel for weeks? How are Mrs. Claus? And the elves? How are the reindeer? I am going to Barrie

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Love from Kyle Grozelle

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolf liking my carrots? If he like them I will keep giving them to him. How are you? How old are you? I am 8 years old. How many elves do you have? Is it cold up there in the north pole? I would like an X-box please. What's your favourite food? My favourite food is hot dogs. I am 8 years old.

Love Dalton Burgess.

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? I am feeling happy. Can I have a remote control race car? And a remote control monster truck please? My favorite food is pizza what is your favorite food? I'm 7, how old are you?

From Myles Mowatt

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling Santa? I'm feeling awesome. I'm getting excited about Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus? What do you do with your reindeer when it's not Christmas? How does your reindeer fly? May I please have a cell phone. What is your favourite food? I will always believe in you. Would you like a

present because you are the sweetest man ever. Do you have a reindeer named Rudolph? Have you ever got a present? I have been good all year.

From Sarah Farr

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How are you feeling? I am feeling great about Christmas. What kind of food do you like? I like grapes. Santa please can I have a truck and more Bay blades? Please I've been good at school.

From Brandon Guild.

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? I am feeling great. How are you Mrs. Claus and the reindeer and the elves? How many elves do you have? Have you really delivered presents every Christmas? May I have a remote control airplane?

From Alex Sloan.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? What do you want on Christmas? How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer and the elves? Is it cold up there? I've been good. Can I have a MX Dirt Reval please. I love Santa.

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Dear Santa,

How are you feeling Santa? I feel happy. I am really excited about Christmas. How are Mrs. Claus, the elves, and reindeer? I will be going to Grandma's for Christmas. What is your favourite food? My favourite food is carrots. I help my mom clean the house and I got a good report card. Please bring me an X-box for Christmas. Thank you.

From Cody.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing Santa? I want to give you a present because you go all around the world. When the reindeer are sick and when it's Christmas eve. What do you do? Do you want a present because you are the sweetest man in the whole entire world? Do you like milk and cookies? Santa do you really go around the whole entire world? May I please have a walky talky? I love you Santa. May I please have a Lizzie McGuire movie?

Love Brittany Hewitt.

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am feeling great about Christmas. What do the elves do when you go and fill stockings? How is everyone at the North pole? What is your favourite food? My



favourite food is spaghetti. I have brought some things for our Christmas tree. How old are you? I'm 6 right now. How many elves do you have? I have tried my best to keep my room clean. For Christmas I would like a digital camera please.

Love Jacey Baldry.

Dear Santa,

What do you do with the reindeer when it is not Christmas? How are you doing? How do the elves build the toys by hand or magic? Do you really have a train? My family is doing good. Can I please have a toy Lambergenie.

Love Robbie Orlowski

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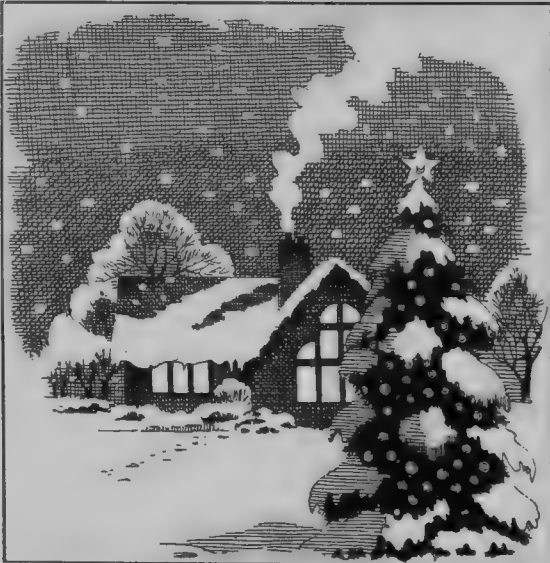
How are you feeling? I love Christmas. Santa I am a good girl. How are the elves doing? My family is good too. I have one more question. How is Mrs. Claus making the cookies? Are they good? Santa I am 8 years old. I like chocolate chip cookies. Does Mrs. Claus make chocolate chip cookies? Santa I would like a DVD player for my car.

From Taylor Calvert.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing Santa? I am great. How are Mrs. Claus, the reindeer, and the elves doing? What is your favourite food? My favourite is Kraft Dinner. How do the elves making toys? What do you do with your reindeer if it is not Christmas? May I have a snowboard please?

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From Noah

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I am great. Is it true you give everyone gifts on Christmas? How is Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and the elves doing? I always go to my grama's for Christmas. What is your favourite food? My favourite food is spaghetti. I have wrapped presents and I have helped put lights up. Where do you keep the reindeer when it is not Christmas? May I have a snowboard? I hope you have a great Christmas.

Love Madison Allore

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? How is Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and elves? What do you want for Christmas? My favourite food is apples. What is your favourite food? I am 8 years old. I love you Santa. How many elves do the elves make toys? How many reindeer do you have? I would like for Christmas a magic Pegasus horse please.

From Amber Docherty.

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? I am feeling awesome about Christmas. Is it true that you go around the whole entire world and eat all those cookies and milk? What is your favourite food? My favourite foods are cookies and milk. For Christmas my family comes over for brunch. When you do your elves start making gifts? I have been trying to be good but my brother keeps on irritating me. I would like an Annabelle baby please.

From Melanie Graves-Howard.

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? I'm feeling surprised because it's almost Christmas. How are Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer? I'm going to my Aunt Liz's to get a present and we'll give them present. I'm really happy? How many elves do you have? How can you eat so many cookies and milk? What kind of cookies do you like? I like Oreo cookies. I really want a Bratz baby toy please.

From Amy Freeman.

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? I am feeling happy because we are having turkey at Christmas. How are Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and the elves? I am having lots of people over. Do you like pizza? My favourite pizza is bacon. I clean my room. Please can I have a min-four wheeler?

From Jaydon Wood.

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? I'm feeling surprised because Christmas is coming. How are Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? Does Rudolph really have a red nose? For Christmas I'm going to my Aunt Nony's for dinner. At Nony's I will see aunts and uncles and cousins. What is your favourite food? My favourite food is tacos and pizza. I help my mom shovel the driveway. Please may I have a real bird.



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A Christmas Story by Megan McKay

Twas the night before Christmas and that night, Rachel had a Christmas



Eve party with all her friends over. They ate chips with dip and had

lots of fun. Rachel had to help with the Christmas decorations. She put the lights and garland on the Christmas tree. Her parents put the bulbs on. Her friends had to leave early, but Rachel didn't mind. She was so excited for tomorrow morning. At 9:00 she went to bed and fell asleep right away because she knew that Santa wouldn't come if she was awake. After a while, she woke up and was thirsty. She went downstairs to get a drink. When she saw Santa. She said, "Hello Santa. Do you

like the cookies?" "Yes I do," he said. "Does Rudolph like the carrots?" "Yes he does, he really likes them." "I'm just getting a drink of water Santa." "Yes, I know" he said. "Goodnight Santa," I said. "Yes, you too Rachel." The next morning it was Christmas and Rachel's family got up early to open their presents. Rachel couldn't wait to see her friends at the park. They told each other what they got for Christmas.

The Winter Adventure by Benjamin Carriere

There were six men that liked to hang out in the winter in the city. Our names were Josh, Ben, Derek, Andrew, Willie, and Matt. We all had to go home to eat supper. Then we went to bed. The next afternoon at lunch we went to Pizza Hut. I ordered two large pizzas and six big cakes for all of us. Then we paid for all the stuff. We went to Andrew's house to go cross

country skiing, snowmobiling and snowboarding. After that we went to the store to buy all the stuff we saw and thought we would like. I went home. On the way, I sank in the snow. My dog was wondering where I was so he set off to go find me. He followed my footprints. He found me buried in the snow but then he fell in too. At the bottom, it looked like an underground



city. We walked around for a long time. We met the master. He said we could come to the underground city whenever we wanted, except for in the summer because in the summer the

underground city melts. From that day on, we had a lot of fun in the underground snow city.

Winter at Mount Summit by Ben Davis.

I was going on vacation at Mount Summit snowboarding area. I was SO EXCITED I couldn't go to sleep! That night I was dreaming if it

was going to be safe. I was certain I didn't want to break my arm for the third time. It was morning. I was the first one up so I made breakfast. For me, cheese whiz on toast, for Kyle, fruit loops, for Mom and Dad, bacon and eggs. Dad put the dog outside before the trip. I got my snowboard packed and off we went. It was SO BORING! But, finally we got there. I unpacked my snowboard and went to the biggest cliff I could see. I went down it, but then I saw black. I saw a shine of light, then I felt something hit my head and heard a person laughing. I had fallen into a laboratory. I was knocked out cold. "Ahh Ben!" Mom screamed in horror. They searched for me for three hours. Meanwhile, back in the laboratory, I opened my eyes. I saw Neil Young on a table beside mine. Everyone thought he was dead, but he was being kept by a weird guy. We ran to hide from the weird guy. I pushed a button. A door opened. We raced out and I went down the hill. Dad was looking at me. He said, "You are grounded!"



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The Missing Snow Bunny by Jenna Park

In a land of forests and snow, there lived a little girl named Renee and her family. She lived in a medium-sized house in the middle of the forest. Renee also had a pet named Snowbell. She got it for her birthday when she was seven years old. Renee love Snowbell so much she made her the best pet collar she could make. Renee's Mom said "Time to go to Sleep." "Awww" said Renee in a sad voice. She really wanted to spend more time with Snowbell. Renee brushed her teeth, changed into her pajamas and went to sleep. That night, Snowbell woke up for a drink. When she reached the kitchen, someone took Snowbell away. When Renee woke up, she didn't see Snowbell at all. "Where is my Snowbell?" said Renee. When she opened the door, she saw people footprints and rabbit footprints. "Snowbell has been stolen" said Renee in a sad voice. Her mother got dressed and so did Renee and off they searched for Snowbell. When



the tracks stopped, they saw a really small house. There was a child named Phil who had Snowbell in his arms. "Give my pet back!" said Renee. "No! Phil Small is my pet," said Phil. "Phil Small! Her name is Snowbell!" said Renee. "This rabbit is Renee's" said Renee's mother. "I'll give this rabbit back for \$20," said Phil. "Deal," said Renee's mom. She gave the money to Phil and went off with Snowbell. "Hi Snowbell," said Renee. Then she heard Snowbell crying. Her foot was bleeding. "Hold on Snowbell," said Renee. She wrapped Snowbell's foot with a bandaid. Renee took good care of Snowbell and they lived happily ever after.

Santa! by Curran Chambers

One day Santa Claus slept in. "Oh no!" said Santa. "It's 8:00. The elves are running late and it's almost Christmas!" A few minutes later, "GO!" shouted Santa. "The elves are done. I have until tomorrow to deliver the presents." When it was time to go, it was foggy. "I'll take Rudolph," said Santa. And, Santa made it to every house safely.



Christmas by Meggan Mowatt

When Santa comes we leave out cookies and milk for Santa. On Christmas we get up. Then we have breakfast and wait for the other girls and boys to get up. When they get up, we open presents. Later, we play with our toys we got from Christmas. Then we go outside sledding.



The Surprise Puppy by Robbie Stevens

I always wanted to get a pet. We had a cat but my Mom is allergic to cats and we had to give the cat to our neighbours. So, we didn't have a pet. A couple of years later we got a puppy and his name is TREX. He's so cute and small. I can't believe he's that small and cute. He's so good that I play with him all the time. I don't want to be on the late bus anymore because I want to get home early to play with TREX.

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The Year I Spied on Santa by Larissa Stephenson

Once upon a time, late on Christmas Eve night, me and my brother Bennet and my sister Breanna went downstairs. We saw Santa in his red suit with big black boots and a red hat stand-



ing in the living room with our presents. Santa turned around and saw us. We ran upstairs to our rooms and we went to bed. Then we were scared! We were

afraid that since we had seen Santa he would not leave us any gifts. We laid very quietly on our bed and pretended to be asleep. We listened and heard footsteps in the living room. I was just waiting for our bedroom door to open and see Santa. I was sure he was going to come in and tell me that I would not be getting any gifts this year because we did not stay in bed like little girls and boys are supposed to. Instead the footsteps moved farther away from the living room. The next

thing I heard was something on the roof of our house. It sounded like something heavy and snow was falling off the roof as I peeked out the winter. I called for Bennet and Breanna to look out the window with me. We looked out the window and saw Santa's reindeer in the sky. To our surprise, we saw Santa in a big red sleigh with lots of bells and reindeer in the front pulling the sleigh. We all agreed, Rudolph was the best because of his bright red nose. In the morning we woke up and all our stockings were filled with lots of toys and even candy. There was a big note on the table that said: This year I did leave you gifts even though you were supposed to be asleep when I arrived. I know that children want to see me on Christmas Eve night, but I have a lot of houses to go to and no time to visit. Next year, make sure you are in bed sleeping or I will have to leave without filling your stockings. That would make me and the elves very sad. Love Santa. We all looked at the each other and promised that never again would we wait up and sneak downstairs to see Santa.

Winter Adventure by Willie Schwab

On a cold winter's day I was visiting my cousins Jenna and Joanna in Ingersoll for the weekend. We started the day off getting dressed and going outside to start our winter adventure. We went to the tallest hills and went tobogganing. There were wooden sleds, crazy carpets and snow tubes. We went fast down the hills, going over bumps and flying through the air. There were so many people on the hills, going over bumps and flying through the air. There were so many people on the hills we almost ran them over. When the time came to go home we were exhausted from climbing up the hills all day. We ended the day with a warm cup of hot chocolate.



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My Christmas Adventure by Cassidy Garbutt

It started out as a regular Sunday. My Mom had to work so I went to my Grandma's house to spend the day. We baked some pies and we noticed that it was starting to snow. We were waiting for my Aunt Shannon and Uncle Harold and my cousin Emily to arrive. It was snowing even harder than it was snowing before. When everybody got to my Grandma's, we decided to go to the fair grounds to play with Emily's dog Buddy. After that we went to the school to go tobogganing. You could hardly see where you were going, it was snowing so hard. We only went down the hill about five times. I made a tiny snowman but Emily ran over it with the G.T. It was funny. All of a sudden, we heard a voice. My brother Cody went to check it out. We saw it was a talking snowman and we started running away as fast as we could. But the snowman said, "It's okay. It's only me Frosty the Snowman." So we played with him a little and then we had to go back to Grandma's house. My Mom came to have a visit. We told the grown ups our tale and they



did not believe us. They said, "A talking snowman! Are you crazy?" So we said, "Come with us. We will show you." So they came with us and we showed it to them. They said they were sorry! So we all went home and had dinner. After we were finished with dinner Aunt Shannon, Uncle Harold and Emily went home and so did we. I had a little snack and that was all, cause then I went to sleep.

Christmas Is Fun by Austyn Dick

On Christmas Day you can have a lot of toys like a remote control car. You can get a G.T. You can get a snowboard, but when you snowboard you have to have the right gear to do it.

When you G.T. you have to be careful because you can get hurt and have to go to the hospital. On Christmas Day we sit down and tear up our gifts. We get so excited we beat each other up. We get in our stockings and we open them too. Most of all we watch our DVD. We can play with our toys. We can have a lot of fun in one day. We love Christmas.

My Winter Fort by Tabitha King

One day I was playing outside, then I thought I could make a fort. First I got the shovel. Then I started to shovel snow. Next after shoveling until there was a big pile, I crashed the middle to make a hole in the pile. Then I cleared out the snow and put it on the outside. Then I went inside the fort and played froggy in the pond on some different games. All of a sudden I decided to go in because I was cold and hungry. So I warmed up by the fire and drank some yummy hot chocolate, and ate a cookie. It was a beautiful day.

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The Day Before Christmas by Nicole Black

The day before Christmas, Emily was just going to mail her letter to Santa before it was too late. When she got there, the post office was closed! She ran as fast as she could back home. She told her Mom that the post office was closed. Her Mom said she would deal with it tomorrow. "TOMORROW!" Emily said, "Tomorrow is Christmas!" "Go to bed," her Mom said, "It's 8 o'clock." So Emily went to bed looking very sad. In the morning she got up at 6:00 to see if Santa got her what she wanted. When she looked, there was nothing under the tree! But she saw a note. It said,

Dear Emily,
Go to the computer and go onto my web site and mail a letter to me on the internet. The next night I will come to your house.
Yours truly, Santa

So, Emily did what Santa told her to do. The next morning she got up at 6:00 again and Santa was right. He came. She got exactly what she wanted. Now she wondered what was going to happen the next Christmas. Do you know?

Lost in Snow by Angus Olliffe

One day I was walking in the snow and I fell down a hole. It was hot in the how so I took off my winter clothes. I started to explore. I met some bunny-life creatures. They had legs and arms, a head but no fingers. I called Sam on my walkie-talkie to come and see them. Then we all went out in the snow and we played tag. We took them to our house to have hot chocolate and toast. We took a movie of them to show Mom and Dad, then we said good-bye. We told them we would come play another day and off they went, hopping.

The Snow Princess by Cheyenne Porter

Once upon a time, there lived a queen and a king who had a beautiful daughter named Icicle. They also had a servant that helped and got gold. Princess Icicle even had a chick and his name was Chicky. One day Icicle went out for a walk. But then she go into a snow storm. She was crying for help but that did not work. Then the servant saw her crying for help. The servant got her back inside and they had hot chocolate. They lived happily ever after.

The Droopy Tree by Krista Duncan

Once there was a very droopy pine tree, very far back in the corner of Carley's field. The droopy pine tree was old and nice, but still he was sad. This time of the year, all the trees were happy. Carley said he would have a special time soon. A bird flew by and told him to cheer up. Then it was Christmas and the droopy pine tree was sitting all alone. Carley had some kids come to pick out a tree. They saw the droopy tree and picked it! He was too big to go in their truck so they decorated him right there. He was beautiful!



Snow Fun by Chantalle Switzer

In the wintertime I go outside to play. I make a snowman with eyes and a nose. My brother and I have a snowball fight. We hit each other with the snowballs. We play in the snow. We jump in the snow, too. We have so much fun.



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Santa's Workshop by Courtney Crowe

It was the week before Christmas and Santa was very busy shopping and toys. He has lots to do in the week before Christmas. The elves were busy wrapping toys and keeping track of all good and naughty girls and boys.



Mrs. Claus was very busy in the kitchen baking lots of sweets for Christmas. Most of Santa's reindeer were practicing their flying skills.

There was one mother reindeer that was not practicing her flying skills though. She was about to have a baby. Santa went out on Monday night to check all the reindeer. He opened his eyes wider and what to appear but a baby reindeer. He had waited years for this moment. Santa noticed how special this reindeer was because he had a bright shiney red

nose. Santa would call him Rudolph. Santa loved this because Rudolph would get to lead Santa's sleigh. Santa needed Rudolph's bright nose to guide his sleigh. From that moment on, Santa never had a problem seeing where he was going because of Rudolph's bright red nose.

Tyler's Christmas by Tyler Martin

It was night before Christmas and all the through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. As I was setting egg nog and cookies on the table, I heard a weird sound. It happened to sound like this.. click, clack, click, clack. I wondered what it was. It was Santa and his reindeer! I said, "Holy, moly, it's Santa! Can it really be Santa?" We all thought we should go up on the roof and see if it really was him. Oh! And, there he was. Saint Kringle was really on my roof. He had a white beard, a red coat and a black belt and pair of boots. And that is the tale of my Christmas.

On Christmas by Kelsey Turner

On Christmas is when all the elves are at work making presents for all the little kids. Even Santa has to do the work. His job is to make sure that all of the presents are okay and wrapped. One of the jobs was not done. "Oh no, I forgot to feed the reindeer!" Santa went around asking the elves for help. One of the elves told him what to do. "Tie a bucket to each of the reindeer's heads and they can eat while flying." So Santa did it. He got all of the presents delivered. When he came back he thanked the elf and went to bed.



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Christmas is a time of giving

At home I help my mom wash the car.
At home I help clean my room.
At home I help my mom clean the windows.
At home I help my mom shovel the driveway.
I want to give the pennies I earned to the fire department.

Nathan Crowe

Christmas is a time of giving

Last week I earned 100 pennies from my Mom and Dad by cleaning their room. I did laundry too! The money is going to help buy food for people.

Shelby Murdoch

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I earn pennies. I clean up my playroom. I clean off my Mom's car. I feed my dog. I am grateful for me.

Jaime Little

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I clean my room and I vacuum the front room to earn 100 pennies. I feel proud and good.

Robbie Hall

Christmas is a time of giving

I like to help clean off the car to earn pennies. I want to give them to the hospital.

Allysa Madill

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Christmas is a time of giving

At home I cleaned my whole basement. I gave away some of my toys. At home I do the dishes. At home I clean my room to help the community and I earned a lot of pennies.

Ryan Manning

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I fold my clothes to earn pennies. At home I brush my hair to earn pennies. I felt really proud.

Vivian Collings

Christmas is a time of giving

I shovelled the driveway for my mom. I fed the dog and cat. I earned 100 pennies for this. My class will give the money to the community. I feel happy to do this.

Connor McAllister

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I take out the garbage to earn pennies. At home I play with my little brother to earn pennies.

Andrew Hall

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I raised 200 and 15 pennies. I might give my pennies to Ryerson University because my cousin Chris is going there. I feel good about helping the community.

Sam Gilbert.

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I help my Dad carry in wood behind the shed into my house and I help my Mom clean up the house. I earned pennies and I am going to spend it.

Chelsea Smallwood.

At home I vacuum, do laundry and shovel to earn pennies. Our class is going to pennies to the community. I feel good.

Seth Babineau

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I sweep the floor and I and I help do the dishes. I helped to put up the Christmas tree and I help to dec-

orate the Christmas tree. I want to give my pennies to the food drive.

Ashley Anderson.

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I watched Miracle on 34th street and I learned a lot of things like at a parade at the start you can help the person if he doesn't know what to do.

By. Savannah Hie

Christmas is a time of giving

I cleaned my car to be helpful and I fed my cat and I fed my dog. My payday is Friday and I will earn 100 pennies. My class will give the money to help the community. This makes my heart feel happy.

Mathew Wilbee

Christmas is a time of giving

Like saying thank you. At home I clean my room. At home I say to my Mom can I help people.

Rachael Reddering



Season's Greetings

The Staff of Century 21 Granite Realty Group Inc. wishes to extend Season's Greetings to all. There's never been a better time to remember friends and express our appreciation for your business than during this special season of thankfulness. Our very best wishes for peace, health and happiness in the year 2006.



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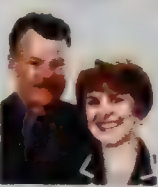
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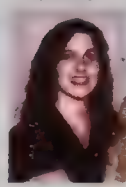
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Is there anything like music to put you in the mood for Christmas? (Besides lots of snow, of course. Oh, and did we mention cookies and chocolates?) Music teacher Lorie Reddering and her band delighted the crowd of children and parents who came to the school's open house on December 15. There were smiles all around.

Christmas is a time of giving

My class is giving money to the food bank so they can help some people to have a happy Christmas. We had to work at home for 100 pennies. I

cleaned my room, put my dirty clothes in the laundry room and put my toys away.

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I shovel the snow to earn pennies. I want to give them to the hospital. I feel happy in my heart.

Seth Smith.

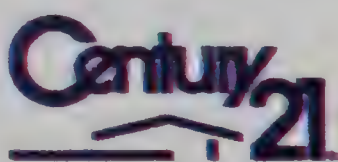
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Christmas is a time of giving

At home I helped Mommy by picking up my toys, and sometimes my brother's toys too. The money I earned will help people that don't have enough money for special Christmas dinner.

Taylor Bennet.

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I wash my Mom's car. Our class is going to give the pennies to the Food Drive. I like to give the pennies for the Food Drive. It makes me feel proud.

Dawson Allore

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I wash and I clean the floor to earn pennies for the needy. It makes me feel good inside to do this.

Kyle Wallace

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I help to put up the fake Christmas tree to earn pennies and I

made my bed and I set the table. I feel great, because we are helping others.

Alyssa Sisson

Christmas is a time of giving

I shovel the backyard to earn 100 pennies to give to people. I like to help and I want to help and I feel proud.

Max MacNaull

Christmas is a time of giving

I cleaned my room and get 100 pennies. My class is giving the money to the people who don't have as much as we do. I feel proud of myself for doing this.

Chris Thompson

Christmas is a time of giving

At home I make my bed to earn pennies for our Penny Drive. I like to help others.

Brittany Gautreau.



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Helper Elf

I myself is an elf,
My boss is very stealth,
While he delivers his presents,
With his helper elf, Relf.

BJ Archer

Rudolph.

Rudolph has a nose,
That flickers and glows.
His nose is like a light,
That help Santa see at night.
Rudolph is the best,
Reindeer in the west.

Megan Milburn.

Christmas

On Christmas we get lots of toys,
That give us Christmas joys.
Toys are fun,
And so is sun.
Santa is great,
He is a mate.

By. Eric Elliott

Christmas Toys

O the joy,
Of Christmas toys.
What shall lay under the Christmas
tree,
But three small presents just for me.
In the morning I rush out of bed,
Down the stairs and straight ahead.
I rip and tear and shout with glee,
I am so happy.

Nichole Honderich

Noel

Here we are surrounding the tree,
Today is filled with love and glee.
Today is a time to give,
The day that Jesus lived.
Presents are some of the fun,
Christmas day has just begun.
Christmas toys for girls and boys,
They are filled with Christmas joys.
I love my toys but I should love,
If you have the courage go give a
hug.
I'm dancing to the Christmas beat,
I really want to jump on my feet.
I love Christmas day, but anyway,
It's the end of the day.

Hanna Reddering

Christmas Joys

We have lots of toys,
That bring us Christmas joys.
All the reindeer prance,
When it's time o dance.
On Christmas I like to play with toys,
And also boys.

Stephanie Walker

Christmas

Santa comes in the night,
When there's no light.
Lots of toys,
Bring lots of joy.
Santa brings a ton,
With lots of fun.
A lot of toys,
Bring fun to girls and boys.

Savannah MacAusland



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May your holiday spirits climb as the
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Happy Holiday

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Christmas

Buying presents is fun,
But we'll be happy when it's done.
I like to decorate the tree,
But I lost my key.
I like candycanes,
But I don't like fans.

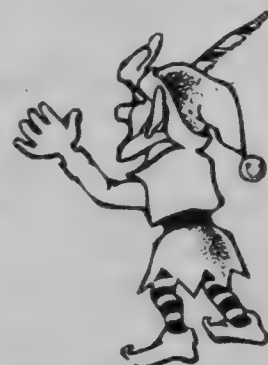
In Christmas there is a tree,
And presents under for me.
Even I know that rhyming couplets
are fun,
But now I've got to run.

For all the girls and boys.
Now Christmas day is over,
My rhyming couplets are over.

Kirk Lopez

Mr. Elf

Yo, Christmas elf,
Make something for
my grandpa Ralph.
Hey Christmas elf,
Tell Santa I need
stuff for my shelf,
Joy, when I get a
toy.
Something under
the tree,
Waiting for me.
Now the fun is
done,
I'll have to run.



Sarah Ridsdale.

Snowmobiling

Snowmobiling through the trees,
Snowmobiling in the breeze.
Snowmobiling for boys,
Snowmobiling toys.
Snowmobiling for Lee,
Who always hits the tree.
Snowmobiling is fun,
For the gun.
Snowmobile racing,
Is to keeping breaking.

Zachary Barager

Christmas Times

Christmas is a time to play,
And is a good time for a big day.
We all like toys,
For all the good boys.
Then the turkey is meat,
And I am ready to eat.
The toys are fun,
Playing in the sun.
Then under the tree,
Is a present for me.
This is fun,
But I've got to run.

Joey Hancock

Christmas

It's Christmas days,
So say hurray I'm going to play.
I like the toys,
For girls and boys.
The boys like to play,
I think they will play all day.
Santa has lots of toys,

Haley Moore

Christmas

Santa brings lots of toys,
For lots of girls and boys.

Presents

On Christmas morning there were
presents under the tree,
For my brother and me.
Santa's sleigh is red, and I sleep in a
red bed.

Spencer Hicks

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Christmas

We have lots of toys,
For lots of boys.
We brought a tree,
For my family and me.
The toys don't give the only
joy,
It is the girls and boys.

Mikey Mowatt

My cat

I have cats,
It hate rats.
It like Christmas fun,
And he likes to run.
I have to eat,
My mom's meat.
My dog like Christmas too,
She will get something new.

Tyler Johnson-Perrin

Reindeer

Reindeer are fun,
They really know how to
run.
You can hear their bells,
Santa here they yell.
Their feet dash right until
they crash the roof,
See them dance with their
hoof.

Jordan Hamilton

Christmas Joy

Toys are fun,
I like to play and run.
There is lots of joy,
To play with boys.

Stephen Mansi

Christmas Cheer Songs

I like toys,
I also play with boys.
On Christmas the reindeer
dance,
Then they start to prance.
There are presents waiting
for me,
Under the tree.

Mac Monk-Cray

Presents

There I see,
Three presents waiting for
me.
All around the world lots of
toys,
For both girls and boys.
Christmas is fun,
So get your schoolwork
done.
So you can have fun,
When the day is done.

Christopher Hall

Christmas

I like to play with boys,
And on Christmas we get
toys.
On Christmas we get a
tree,
And be happy as can be.
Cookies I will eat,
But Santa will eat my treats.
Santa will come to my
house.
And be quiet as a mouse.

Evan Hill

Who is Santa?

Who comes around on a
snowy night?
Who knows if you are
wrong or right?
Who knows if you are
happy or sad?
Who knows if you're good
or bad?
That is Santa, it is true,
He's good to me and good
to you.

Kirsten Ranger

Presents

Presents are very fun,
My rhyming couplets have
begun.
Santa makes lots of toys,
For all the girls and all the
boys.
The sleigh is red can't you
see,
I am happy wait not just me.
Under the tree,
There's something for me.
Now my rhymes are done,
I hope you had a lot of fun.

By: Alex

Santa

I like to play with toys,
And I like to play with boys.
We must eat all the turkey
meat,
And then I get a treat.
On Christmas I'm happy as
can be,
Christmas is the time for me.
Lots and lots and lots of
presents under tree,
But most of them are for me.

Justin Dortion-lirve

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Yippy, it's Christmas

This morning I can see the tree,
And yell it's Christmas time yippy.
We open our stockings first,
Hey I got a new purse.
Next we open our gifts,
From elves and reindeer,
Who gave Santa a lift.
Now we have a seat,
And thank the Lord for this dinner
meat.
After dinner we set down for bed,
And dream of our day in our heads.

Cassidy Havill

The Reindeer And Elves Are Missing

First Santa looks at all of the lists and gets all the toys rapped for the big night. Next Santa gets all the reindeer clean for Christmas eve to go. Then Santa saw that all the elves were gone it was so quit at the workshop. Then Santa saw that all of the reindeer were gone. Meanwhile at the abandoned reindeer stable the elves and the reindeer were feeling guilty for leaving Santa all alone at the work-

shop. But they were also feeling mad at Santa because Santa was making them work to much at the workshop. Twinkle and Rudolph went back to the workshop to tell Santa that they were working over time. Santa, Twinkle and Rudolph thought of a plan. Then they got a plan to work four hours then have a brake over and over again. Santa had to cancel Christmas it was sad for everyone. The next day Santa saw all of the elves and reindeer Christmas was saved. That was the best Christmas ever in the world. The End.

Love Kyla Sisson

Joe is Evil

Every thing was normal at Santa's workshop the Elves were making toy's and Santa was checking the off naughty and nice list. Then evil Joe

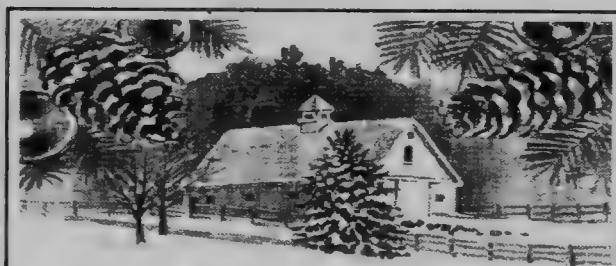
snuck in. He put a mini stick of dynamite in Santa's pudding. Luckily the security guard Elves saw him on tape. the Elves surrounded him. And the Elves had broken toy's instead of weapons. Santa called 911 and they put Joe in jail for ever.

Nolan Hurre

Where Did I Put Lists

Oh No! Where did I put my naughty and nice list? Santa was looking every wear in his office. Santa got really grumpy! His face turned red and blue. He also grumbled. On Christmas eve Santa was still mad. His face was still red and blue. Everybody was looking at Santa at the dinner table. Tomorrow is Christmas I guess I have to go with the list but he was still stressed. Santa went to go get changed then he saw the list. On his dresser he was so happy he was dancing and was sing Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho I can go so he jumped into his sleigh and he ran off he saw the houses the he said Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho. The End

Love Callie Dick



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Happy holidays 2005

OH NO!

It was the night before Christmas and Santa and the elves were working hard. And they were just getting the toys in the sleigh then Santa hopped in the sleigh. And counted the reindeer 123456 OH NO 3 reindeer are missing. So Santa leaped out of the sleigh and yelled and yelled but no replied. Then the other Reindeer galloped to go find the others so they look in the workshop. No there so they look in the old cabin in the field and they were there and they were making ordainments for the Christmas tree so Rudolph said put them on the tree and do it fast so they did and they flew back to the sleigh and then they delivered all the toys and came back for cookies for Santa.

Aylish Stromberg

Rudolph gets sick

Rudolph was sick on Christmas eve. So Santa brought a flash light so he could see where he was going. The other reindeer were not sure this would work. They packed the sleigh and headed off. The flash light idea worked for a while but then the bat-

teries died down so Santa took some batteries out of a toy. He put them into the flash light and it worked. All of a sudden Santa saw Rudolph in the sky. Rudolph was feeling much much better. He led the sleigh the rest of the way.

By Sydney Smallwood in 3A

SANTA Is Late

"Oh no! we are running out of time" said an elf.

"Well work faster" said Santa.

"Okay message from Santa ... WORK faster" giggled one of the crazy elves.

"Where's my red suit? yelled Santa.

"Mrs. Claus where's my red suit?"

"I have no idea! Wait ... Rudolph's wearing it!"

"Rudolph get that suit off you!" said Santa.

"Good job you have it," said Santa.

"Let's go send out fabulous presents to the nice kids," said Santa.

Santa noticed Mrs. Claus was crying.

"Do you want to come with me?" asked Santa.

"Yes I DO!" she screamed. "I do! I do! I do!"

Santa gave her the Naughty and

Nice job.

"Hey Mrs. Claus, is Billy Field good or bad?" asked Santa.

"He was a good boy," said Mrs. Claus.

"Good! I gave him a present," said Santa.

Santa and Mrs. Claus continued to work together all night long. It was the best Christmas delivery ever!

Blake Wood

The Factory Stops

One Christmas Eve in the work shop all the elves were ready for Christmas. The reindeer were looking forward to be dropping off presents for the little boys and girls. In the work shop an elf saw a strange shadow at the control panel. He shut down the factory. All the elves said Christmas is ruined but one elf didn't think Christmas was ruined. His name was Nick. Nick was the smallest of all the elves. Nick always knew where he was going. Cause Nick was the janitor at the workshop. Nick quickly ran over to the control panel and turned on the factory again. Nick saved Christmas.

By Thomas Davis

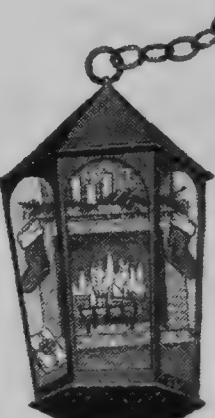


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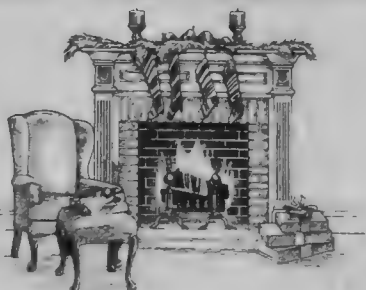
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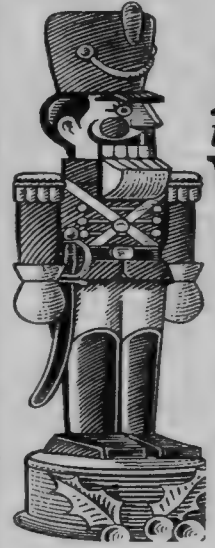
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The Presints are Missing

One christmas when Santa woke up he went down stars he was so mad. Because the pressints were missing from the big big very big box. Mrs claus was two. Every one nows said oldist elev. They woke up last nigh and a car left. we could not stop it. we are so sorry santa. well I raped boxes up to trik a steller. so ther still thar. yes said Santa no problem. lets open presents. the end.

by Candice Loucks 3a.

Angels at the mall

There are Angles at the mall it is fun they shop and the power goes out at the mall they look for a light switch they look and look the Angels go back shopping and they go to the last store in the mall. It was a good time at the mall said the Angels was it ever a grate time at the mall. They flow home with shopping bag. They try on there stuff that they got from the mall they likes achtheres close- and they put on there pigmies and went to bed. The next morning they took off their pigmies and put on their dresses and went out for breakfast at the Brown Owl they had bakon and eggs.

By Mieke Vandyke

I Can't find my list

Drat! were did I put it ... Mom did you see my list for santa. No honey ... I cleaned your room yesterday but I did not see it. Do you have any clue were I could of put it. Why do'nt you check your closet. So I checked my closet it was not there I could not belive it was not there.

The promblem is that I won't get any present form santa, or he might not know what to bring me. On Christmas eve I got started on my Christmas list for santa. At six o'clock I was done my list, I left it on my dresser with

cookies & milk. On christmas morning we opened presents. when I opened one it was from Santa. I as so happy, I got my favourite toy that I put on my

list. Oh I am so happy I wish I could say thankyou to Santa. Ho Ho Ho MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERY BODY.

by Morgan Spenner





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Rudolph's Sick

"Drat whgere did I put that list? I'm sure I put it on the table beside my bed and now it's not there. I'll ask Mrs. Claus. Honey have you seen my list?" "no I haven't Oh yes now I remember I thought you didn't need it so I gave it to Rudolph. sorry sweet-ies I didn't know. "Mrs. Claus and Santa went to look outside Rudolph was eating it. "That can be a problem" said Santa. "He's going to be throwing up everywhere and he wont be able to lead the sleigh and Christmas will be canceled if I don't have a leader." "Santa is right he is sick ", said Mrs. Claus. And then one of the elves Billy had an idea. Use one of the other reindeer for a leader," said Billy. "Well that will work" said Santa. One of the other elves Mary yelled out" who are you going to pick Santa"? "I'm going to pick Santa"? "I'm going to pick Cupid. "Cupid" called Santa. "Cupid will you lead my

sleigh just for tonight? Rudolph is sick." Cupid said "Yes" "I jess Christmas isn't canceled. Thanks Billy said Santa. "No problem" said Billy. "I just remembered, Mrs. Claus can you go out and buy Rudolph some deer medicine? Thanks honey. y see you in the monring"

Bethany Clarke.

When Santa got back Mrs. Claus was making soup so he would have something delicious to eat. She knew he loved her soup. Every Christmas Mrs. Claus made delicious soup for when he got home from his long journey. He went to bed for a long winter nap. The end.

by Holly Scharl.

The Elves Go Shopping

The Elves were gathering for their yearly trip to the Christmas mall. They were getting presents they could not make for Christmas. On the list was cars, dolls, craft stuff. The mall was busy and nosey. The Elves had lots of toys in the cart. Toys were falling out of the cart. They did not notice toys were getting lost. When they got back they noticed half of the toys were missing. "Santa came in and said, "Where are the presents?" "We do not know! We will go back to the mall and see." When they got there they saw a trail of presents. They picked them up and paid for them and went back and wrapped the other presents. Next, they put them in the sleigh and Santa was ready to go.

Magic happens

One night Thomas, Eddy and Cody woke up on Rudolph back & we were freezing cold. All of a sudden there was a really bad storm. I told Rudolph to turn on his red nose. But it did not work & he tried & tried but it did not work. Thomas saw one of Santas elfs so I told Rudolph to go down. Then I asked her, "What is your name?" "My name is Miss Cupid. I have a message from Santa." What is it? "He's sick so he wants you to deliver the presents." "Why?" "Because you are the chosen one." So we did and something magical happened. We had more presents than we delivered.

Cody Anderson



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